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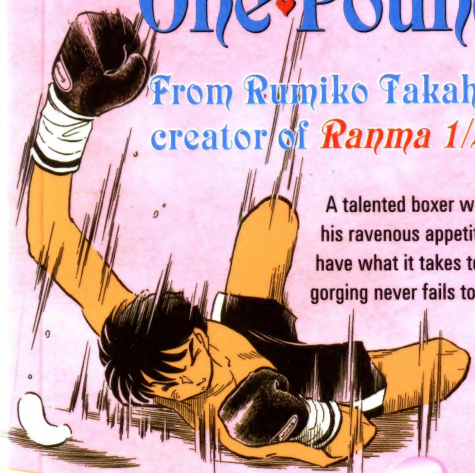
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FINAL
VOLUME!

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From Rumiko Takahashi, the super-popular creator of *Ranma 1/2* and *Inuyasha*!



A talented boxer whose hunger for victory is eclipsed only by his ravenous appetite for hearty meals, Kosaku Hatanaka might have what it takes to be a true contender. Too bad his gluttonous gorging never fails to dash his hard-pressed coach's dreams of managing a champion. Can the virtuous (and really cute) Sister Angela, a novice nun with a soft spot for hard-luck cases, help steer Kosaku down the path to righteousness—and victory in the ring?!

While Kosaku's eternal struggle with his weight wages on, a meddling aunt tricks Sister Angela into paying a visit to her family, but is this all just a ruse to set the lovely sister up with an eligible young chef? Later, Kosaku's dedication is put to the ultimate test when he's given the option of pursuing a career in the restaurant business and retiring from the world of pugilism for good. And finally, Sister Angela's aunt outdoes herself by racking up an exorbitant bill at a host club and leaving her niece holding the bag. Kosaku vows to defend Angela's honor by challenging the dashing host to a title match, but will Angela defy the Mother Abbess and break her curfew to be at Kosaku's side? It's time for the final round to begin!



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CHAPTER ONE

THE LAMB'S RESTAURANT

PART ONE

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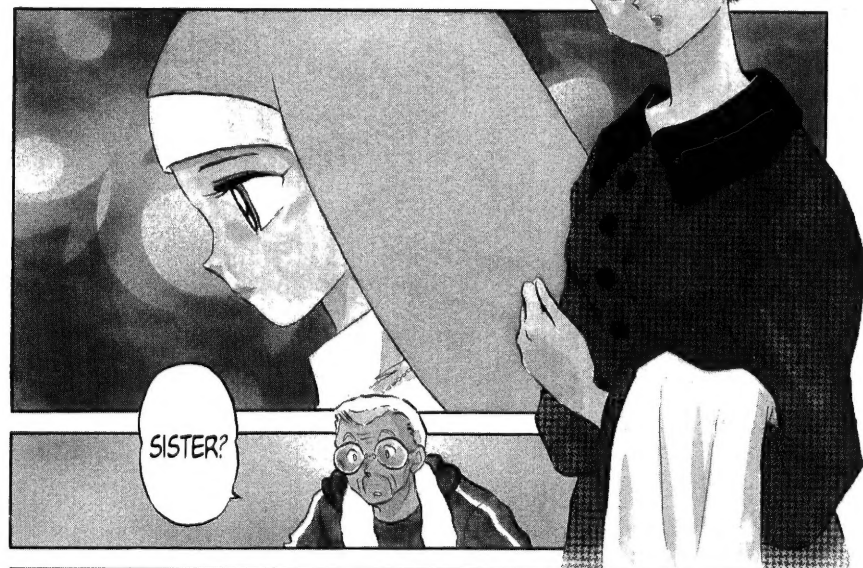
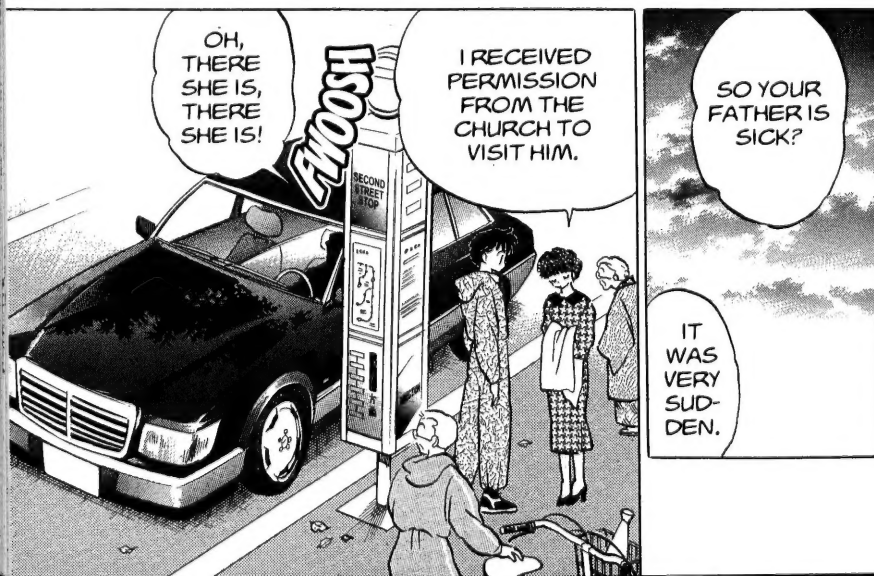
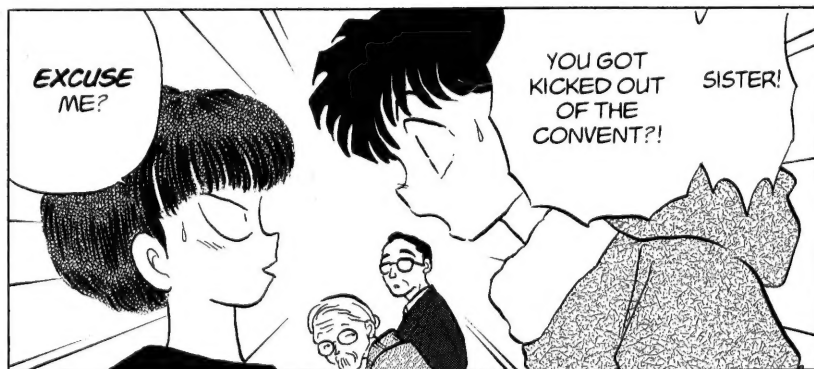
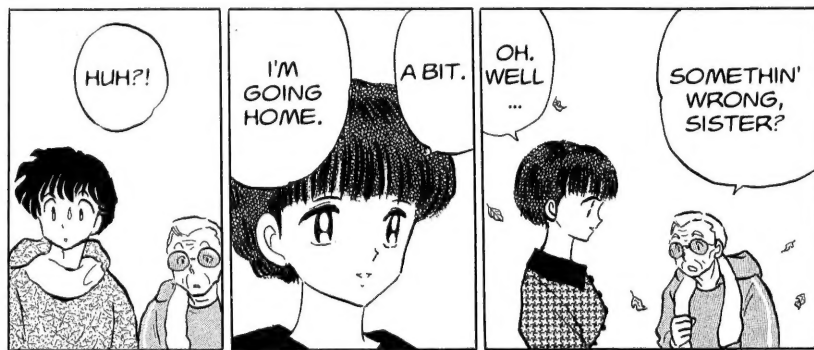
RELAX!
I CAN DO
IT!

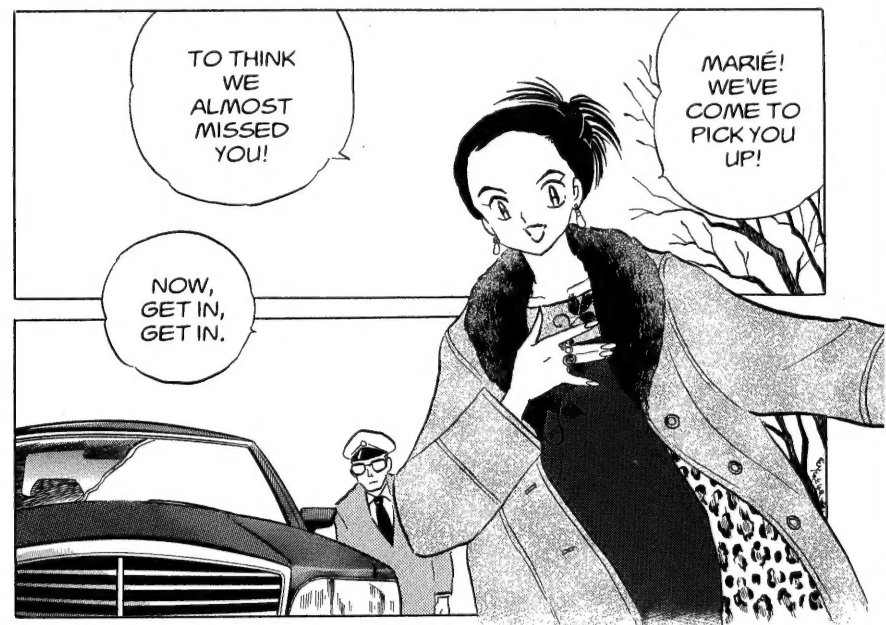
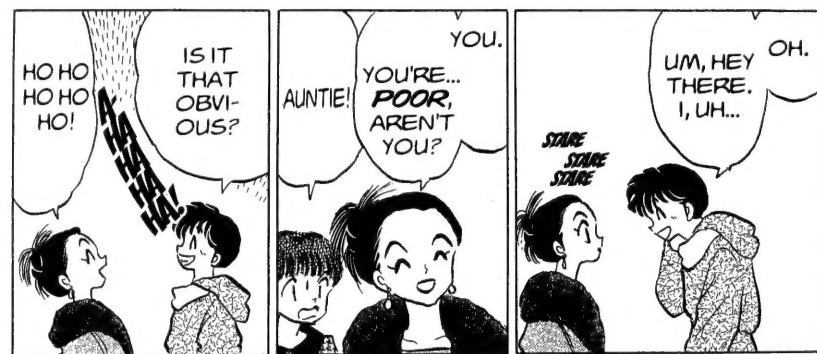
YOU
STILL
HAVE TO
LOSE 22
POUNDS,
IDIOT!

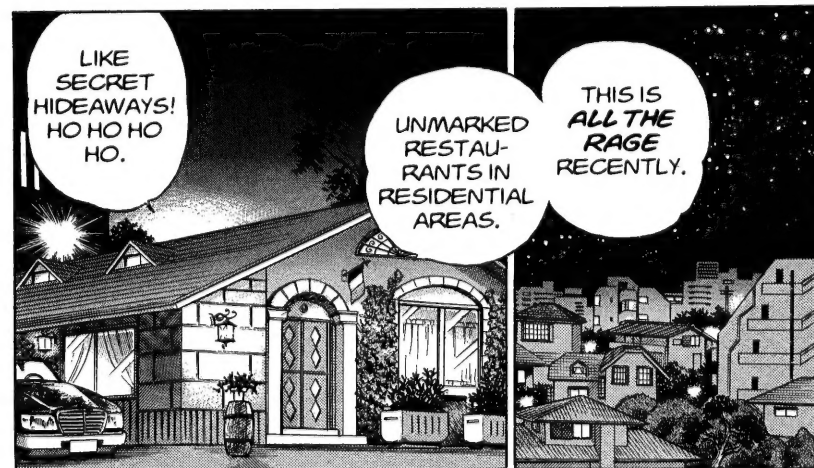
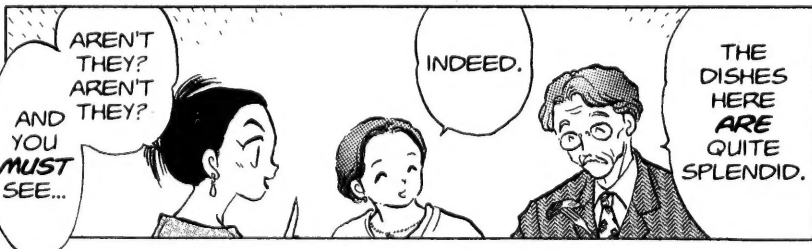
YOU MEAN
YOU **ONLY**
HAVE A
MONTH!

CLONK

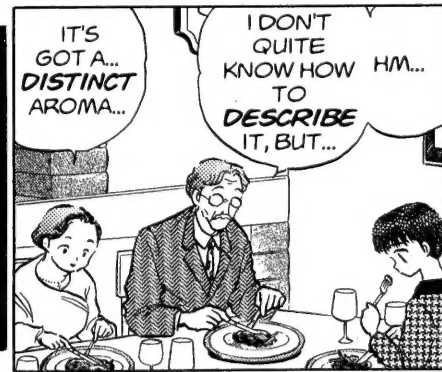
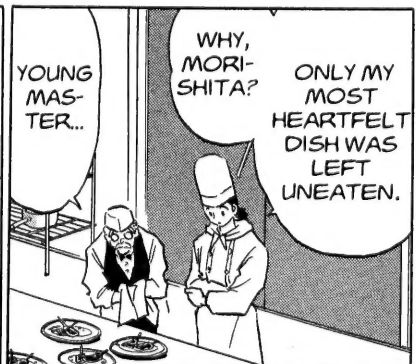
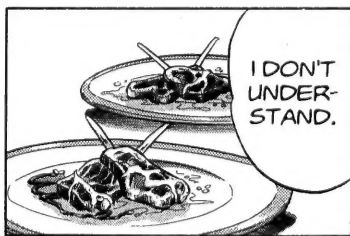
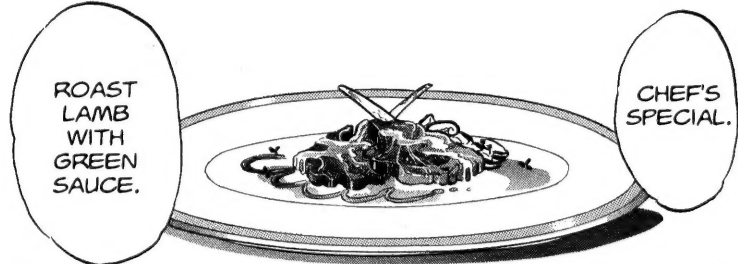
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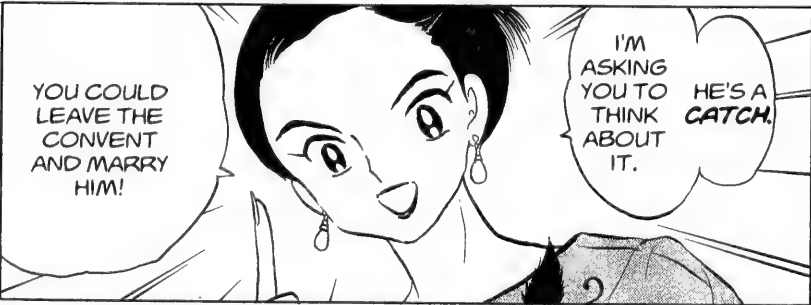


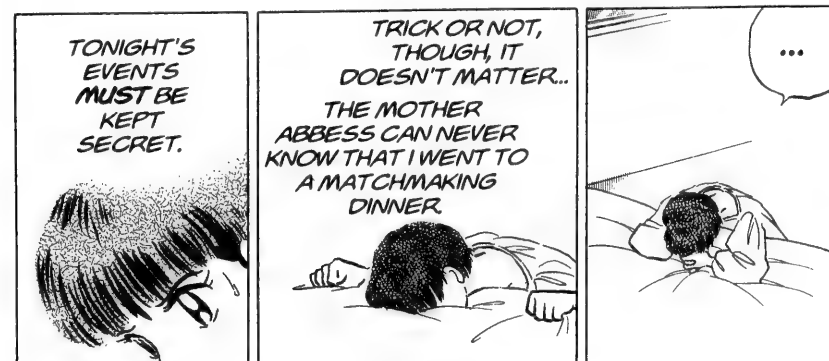
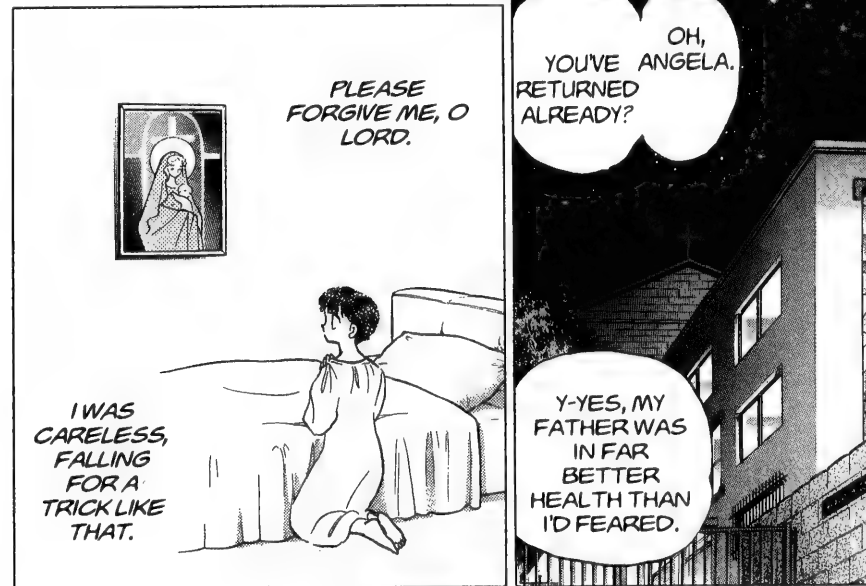
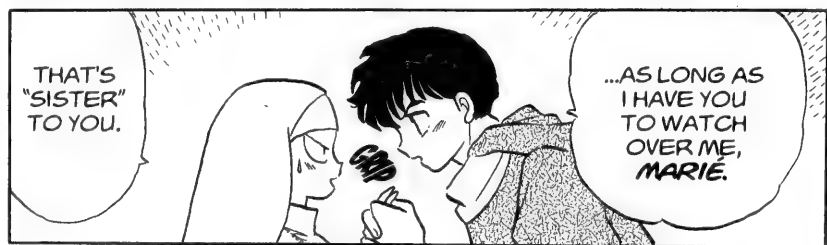
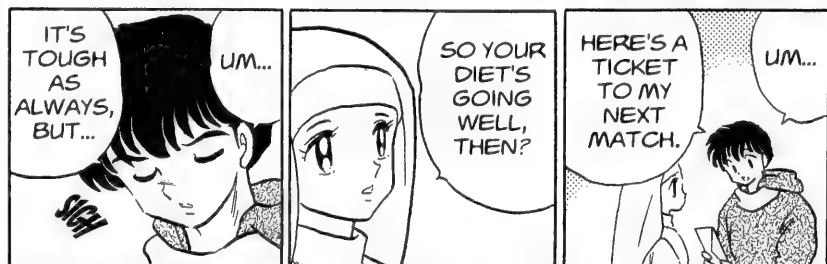


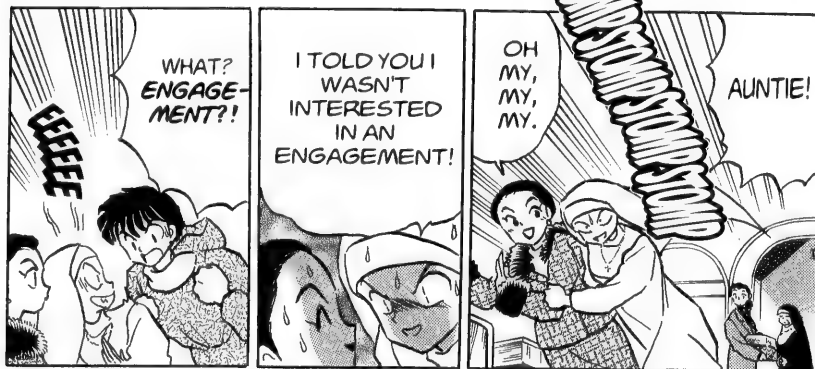












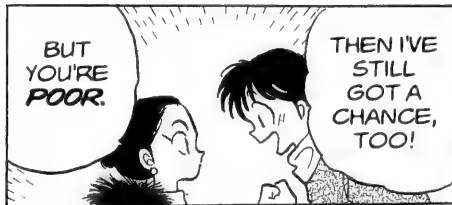


T-TEN YEARS?!!



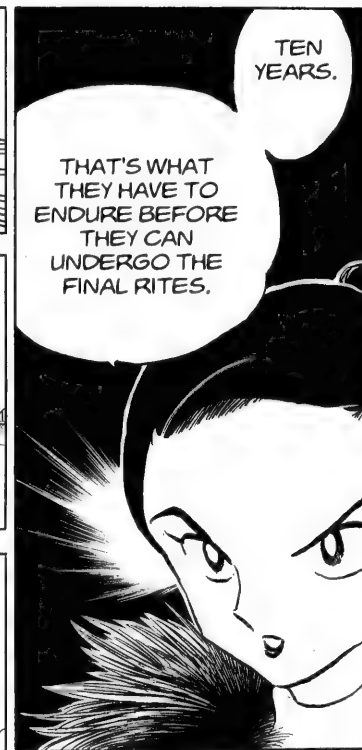
SHE COULD STILL QUIT IF SHE WANTED TO.

THEN SISTER'S BARELY...



BUT YOU'RE POOR.

THEN I'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE, TOO!



THAT'S WHAT THEY HAVE TO ENDURE BEFORE THEY CAN UNDERGO THE FINAL RITES.

TEN YEARS.



MARIÉ HAPPILY MARRIED TO THAT MAN!

BLAZE

I SWEAR THAT I WILL SEE IT!

UGH.

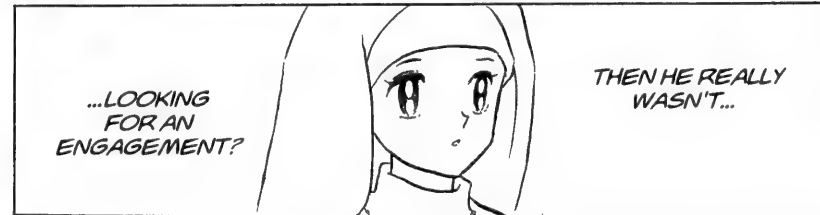


OH MY... CATERED FOOD?

HE PREPARED ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US.

SO I BROUGHT YOU SOME FOOD.

I MERELY WANTED TO MAKE UP FOR MY TERRIBLE DISH THE OTHER NIGHT.



...LOOKING FOR AN ENGAGEMENT?

THEN HE REALLY WASN'T...



FINAL VOWS?



BEFORE THEIR FINAL VOWS.

THEY CAN.



I THOUGHT NUNS COULDN'T GET MARRIED.

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

HEH.

WEEEP

WEEEP

WEEEP



OKAY. LIKE HOW LONG?

...NUNS TRAIN FOR A LONG TIME TO BECOME FULL MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY.

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU SEE...

UM, BUT CHEF...

I USED IT FOR THE LAMB I DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH.

OH, YOU MEAN THAT DARK SAUCE. HMM?

VERY SWEET.

YOU MEAN THE SWEET KIND?

RED BEAN ...?

RED BEAN SOUP.

THAT WAS THE SOUP I MADE TO EAT ON MY BREAK.

WINTER DATING HOT SPOT

TH-THEN YOU'VE DECIDED ON HER?!

WHO ELSE? MISS MARIE.

OH NO, MORI-SHITA!

SHE'S GOING TO HATE ME.

WHAT "SHE" DO YOU MEAN?

YOUNG MASTER...

WOW, SO **THIS** IS A FIRST-CLASS CHEF'S CUISINE.

LAMB, YOU SAID?

LET US PARTAKE.

IT LOOKS THICK AND RICH...

I WONDER WHAT THIS DARK SAUCE IS.

GLOOM

POP POP POP

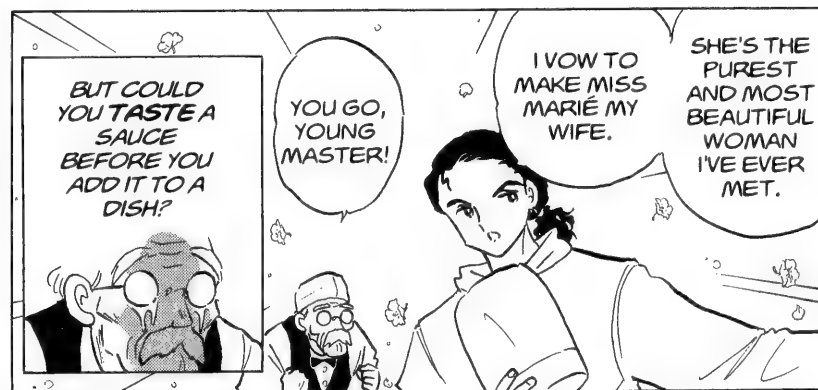
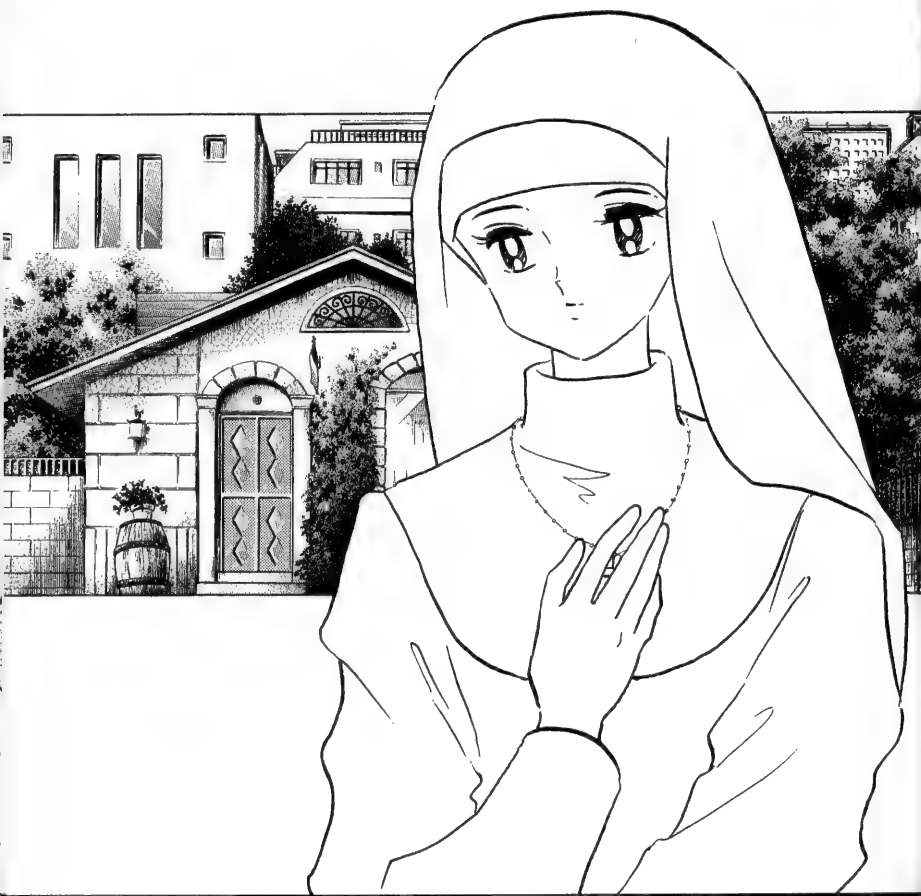
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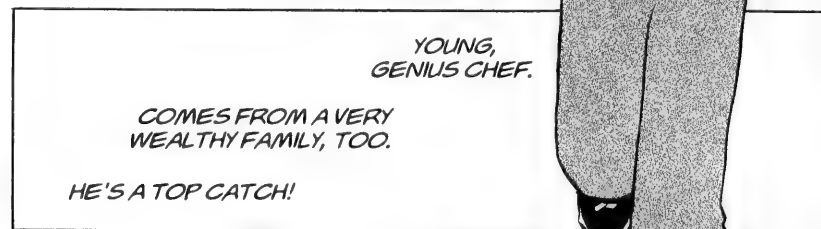
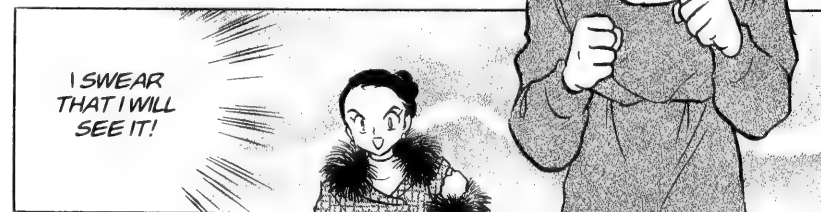
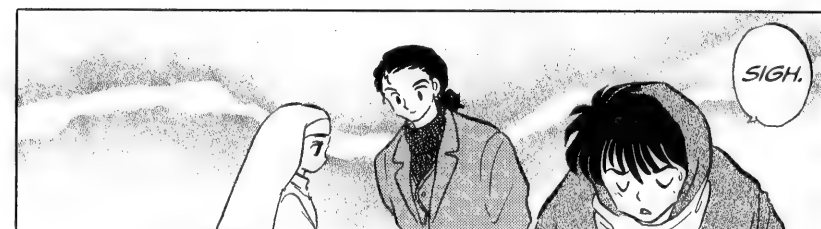
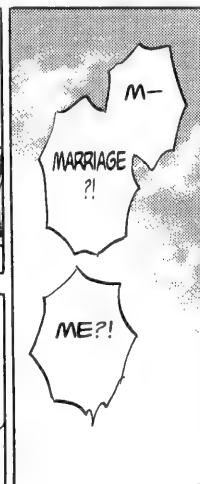
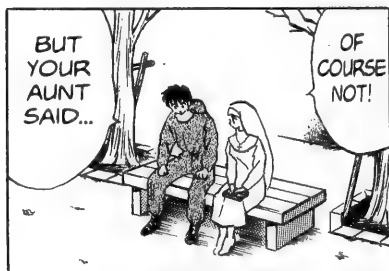
YOUNG MASTER?

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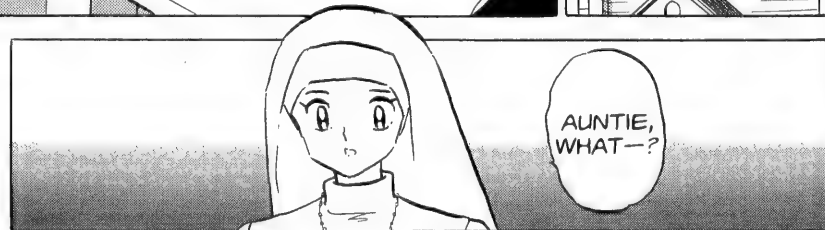
IT'S
TERRIBLE!

MARIÉ!



SISTER
ANGELA.

OH,
THERE
SHE IS.



AUNTIE,
WHAT—?



FATHER'S
BEEN
HOSPITAL-
IZED?!



I WILL
GRANT
YOU ONE
WEEK'S
LEAVE.

ANGELA,
YOU MUST
RETURN
HOME AT
ONCE.

EH?

BUT...

...HE SEEMED
SO HEALTHY
THE OTHER
DAY.



...FROM
ME.

IT WAS LIKE I
COULD FEEL
YOU, MOVING
SO FAR AWAY...

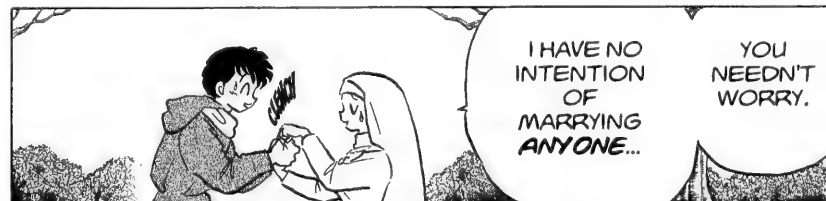
CLASP



IT'S NOT
SILLY!



KOSA-
KU...



I HAVE NO
INTENTION
OF
MARRYING
ANYONE...

YOU
NEEDN'T
WORRY.



GOOD
LUCK.

I WILL CHEER
FOR YOU AT
YOUR NEXT
MATCH.



CAN I REALLY
BELIEVE YOU?

SISTER...





CHEF
WAKAOJI...
WHY'S HE
JUST
STANDING
THERE?

CALL ME
MORI-
SHITA.

BUT...
ER...

DELECT-
ABLE AS
EVER,
CHEF!

THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR
PATRON-
AGE.

AH,
 YES.

YOUNG
MASTER,
IT'S
ALMOST
TIME...

YES, BUT
HE WAS
VERY BUSY
**SIGHT-
SEEING.**

BUT... I HEARD
THAT THE
CHEF WENT
TO CULINARY
SCHOOL IN
ITALY.

YES, I
PREPARE
THEM.

ALL THE
DISHES
HERE...
DON'T TELL
ME THAT
YOU—

WHAT A
GREAT
TIME WE
HAD.

A-HA HA HA HA

SO I, HIS
MANSERVANT,
ATTENDED
CLASSES IN
HIS PLACE.



I AM BEING SWEEP
ASTRAY.

LORD,
PLEASE
FORGIVE ME.

SIGHT

CHATTER
CHATTER

...AND
WATCH
ME DO
MY
THING.

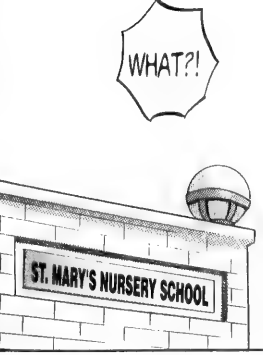
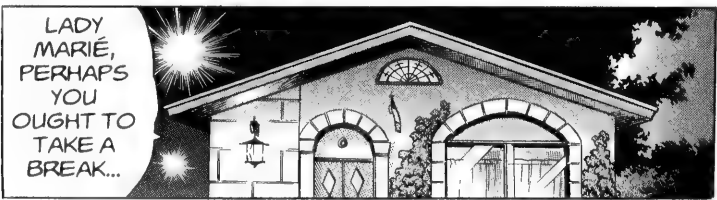
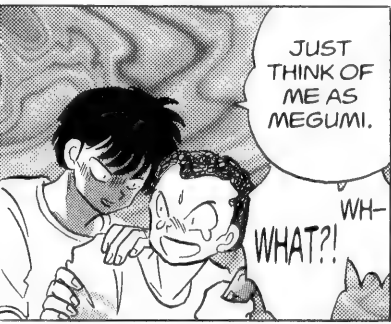
MISS
MARIÉ,
JUST
RELAX

MY...
IT'S SO
BUSY.

HHH?

I HAD HEARD
THAT A
RESTAURANT
KITCHEN IS LIKE
A BATTLEFIELD.

I GUESS
IT'S TRUE.









MR.
WAKAOJI
...

...PLEASE
WATCH
OVER ME.

THAT
WAS...
MOVING.



OKAY,
MAYBE
NOT SO
MOVING.

HA HA,
LOOK, IT'S
TOTALLY
BURNT!



B-BMP



WE CAN
BOTH
TRAIN
TO-
GETHER!

WE
STILL
HAVE
ONE
WEEK.



HA HA HA.
YOU
WORRY-
WART.

THAT'S
WHAT I'M
AFRAID
OF.



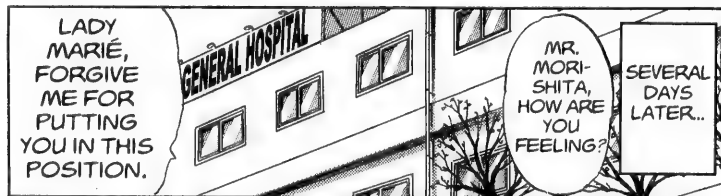
I WILL
PREPARE
ALL THE
DISHES!



ACTUALLY,
I'M DOING IT
FOR MR.
MORISHITA.

FOR
DOING
THIS
FOR
ME.

THANK
YOU,
MISS
MARIE...



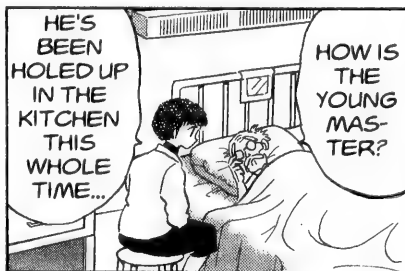
LADY
MARIE,
FORGIVE
ME FOR
PUTTING
YOU IN THIS
POSITION.

MR.
MORI-
SHITA,
HOW ARE
YOU
FEELING?

SEVERAL
DAYS
LATER...



I THOUGHT
HE'D NEED
MY
CONSTANT
HELP, BUT...



HE'S
BEEN
HOLED UP
IN THE
KITCHEN
THIS
WHOLE
TIME...

HOW IS
THE
YOUNG
MAS-
TER?



I DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH I
CAN
ACCOMPLISH
IN A WEEK,
BUT...

I MUST
NOT
SHAME
HIS
NAME.



THIS IS
HIS
RESTAU-
RANT.



I'VE
ALWAYS
TAKEN
ADVAN-
TAGE OF
MORI-
SHITA.

I KNOW.

...IT'S THE
SAME DAY AS
KOSAKU'S
MATCH!

THE
ANNIVERSARY
DINNER...

AND
BESIDES
...!

GASP

HOW COULD
I...

...HAVE
FORGOTTEN?

THINK
THINK
THINK

...AND HE HAS
TO USE THOSE
RECIPE CHARTS
YOU LEFT AT
THE
RESTAURANT,
BUT...

OF
COURSE,
HE'S NOT
AS GOOD
AS YOU ARE,
MR.
MORISHITA
...

...WHEN HE
PUTS HIS
MIND TO IT,
HE CAN
ACTUALLY
COOK.

...AND
KEEPS
HIM
GOING...

WHAT
INSPIRES
THE
YOUNG
MASTER
...

...IS YOU
WATCHING
OVER HIM.

IT'S BE-
CAUSE OF
YOU,
LADY
MARIÉ.

NO...

...HE REALLY
HAS BEEN
PICKING
THINGS UP
FROM
WATCHING
YOU.

...IT
SEEMS
...

PLEASE,
LADY
MARIÉ...

AND
BE-
SIDES
...

I HAVE TO
RETURN TO
THE CONVENT
SOON.

I AM
SOR-
RY.

STAND
BY HIM
FOR
LIFE.

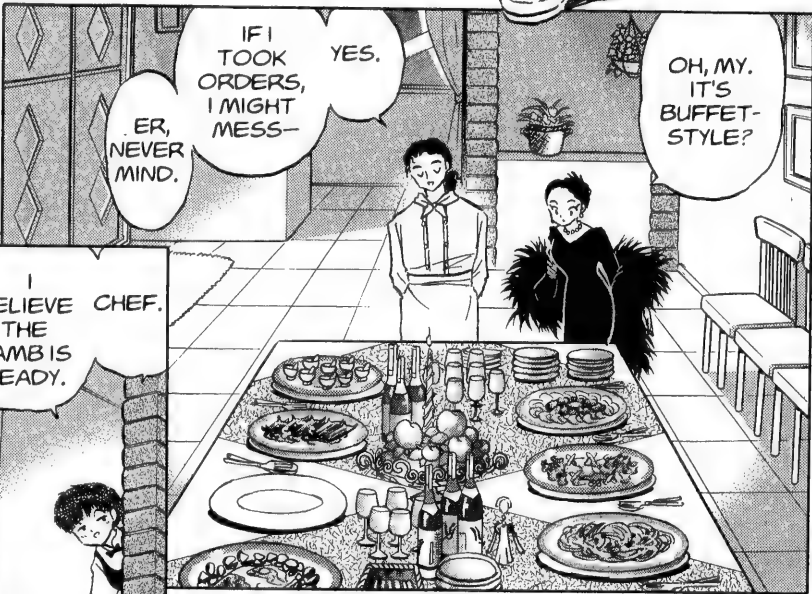


CHEF...?



I'M MORE EXHAUSTED THAN I REALIZED.

OH NO.



IF I TOOK ORDERS, I MIGHT MESS—

YES.

ER, NEVER MIND.

OH, MY. IT'S BUFFET-STYLE?

I BELIEVE CHEF. THE LAMB IS READY.



...I CAN'T ABANDON THE CHEF EITHER.

BUT...



HE'S TOO DEPRESSING TO BE ALONE WITH! IT'S SCARY!

WHAT FOR? HIS WEIGH-IN'S ALWAYS A BREEZE AFTER THE SISTER'S DUMPED HIM.

PLEASE, STAY HERE TONIGHT WITH US!

MURAIDA'S GYM
BOXERS WANTED



KOSAKU ...

I HOPE HIS DIET IS GOING WELL.



AND SO, THE DAY OF THE MATCH...



I HOPE IT'S NOT A PROBLEM THAT I CAME A LITTLE EARLY.

DING-DONG

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY!

DING-
DONG

MARIE,
WHERE
ARE
YOU—

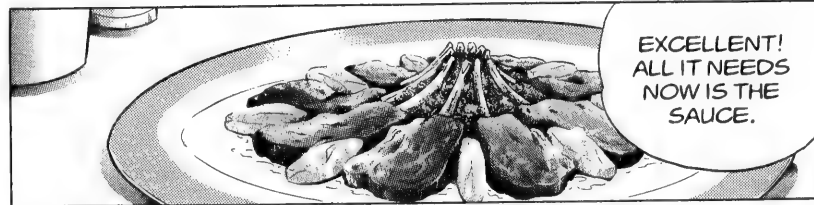
WAIT A
MINUTE!

SOMEONE'S
EXPECTING
ME.

I'M ON MY
WAY,
KOSAKU.

PLEASE
LET ME
BE ON
TIME.

CLACK CLACK
CLACK CLACK



EXCELLENT!
ALL IT NEEDS
NOW IS THE
SAUCE.



I'M SO
GLAD WE
WERE
ABLE TO
FINISH IN
TIME.

NOW IT'S
PERFECT.



DON'T YOU
TWO SOUND
JUST LIKE A
MARRIED
COUPLE?

MY,
MY...



COME
WITH
ME!

WITH
YOU AT
MY SIDE...



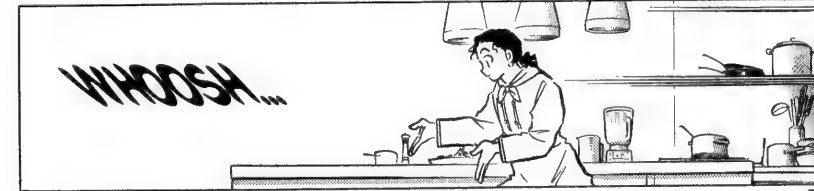
I'LL
STUDY
COOKING
FOR
REAL
THIS
TIME.

I THINK
I'LL GO
BACK TO
ITALY.



ALL I HAVE
ACHIEVED
HERE IS
THANKS TO
YOU.

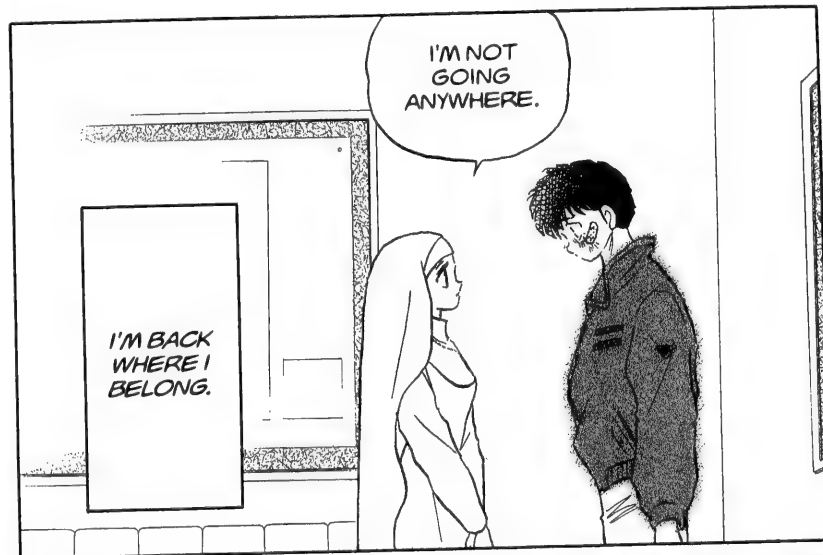
MISS
MARIE
...



WHOOSH...



CHAPTER TWO
THE LAMB'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE PART ONE



CHAPTER TWO THE LAMB'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE PART ONE





ALL
RIGHT,
DINNER-
TIME.

I GOT
THE
SUC-
CESS
BOX.

I GOT THE
SUCCESS
SPECIAL.



HOW'S THE
STUDYING
GOING?

HEY,
BENTO
DELI-
VERY
BOY.



HEY,
TEACH-
ER!



LET'S
SEE.

ACTUALLY,
ABOUT
THAT...



HE NAHH.
DOESN'T
IMPRESS
ME.

DOES HE
REALLY
WARRANT
ALL THIS
EXTRA
TRAINING?

...THIS
MANABU
SAKURA...

SAY,
COACH,
KOSAKU'S
NEXT
OPPO-
NENT...



HE'S
NOTHING
OUT-
STANDING.

...EVERY
VICTORY WAS
BY JUDGES'
DECISION.
NOT A
SINGLE KO.

HIS
RECORD
ISN'T
BAD, 8
OUT OF 12
WINS,
BUT...



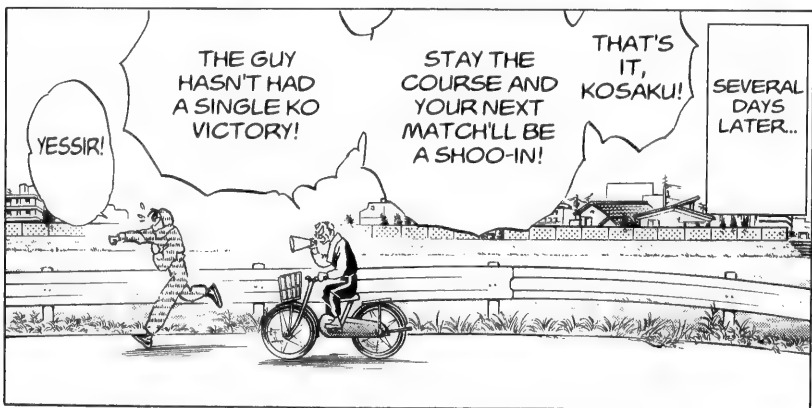
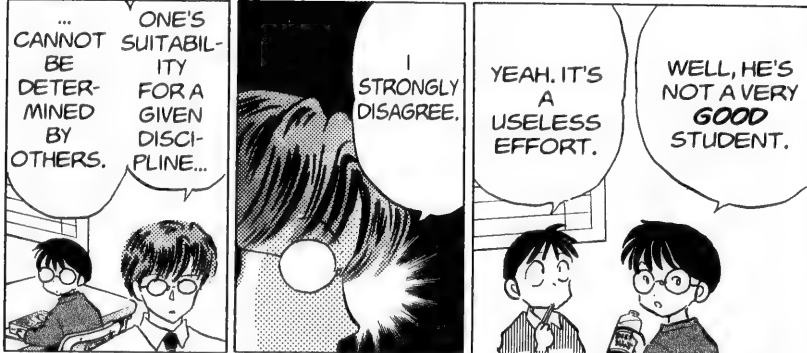
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
A
JOB...
HE LEFT
QUITE A
WHILE
AGO.

HMM?
WHERE'D
KOSAKU
GO?



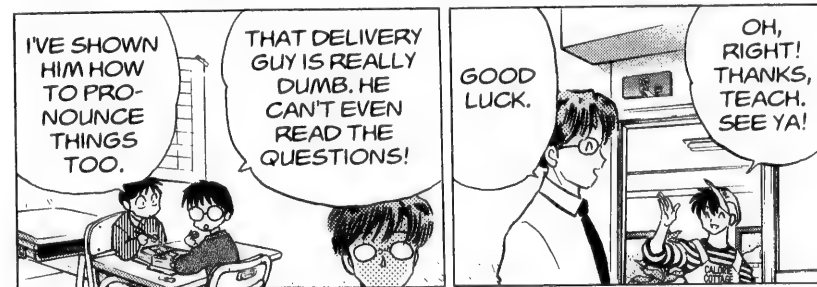
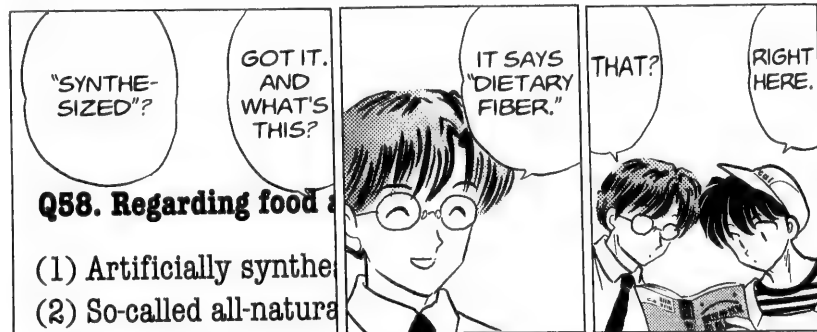
BENTO BOX
DELIVERY.

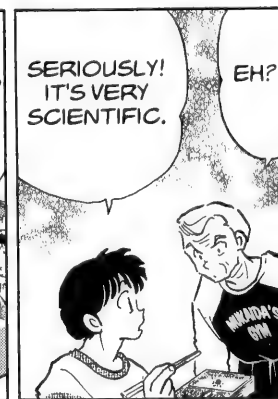
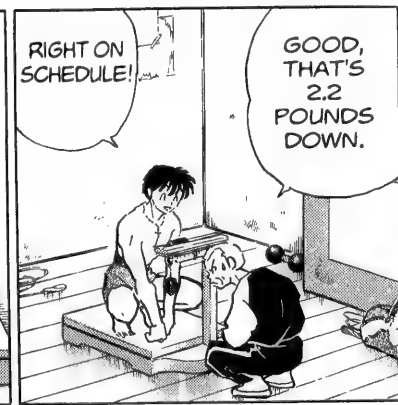
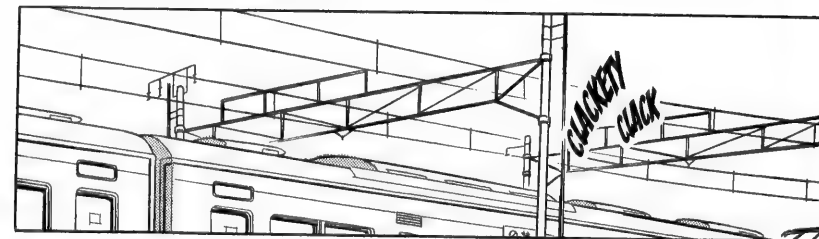
CALORIE
COTTAGE
HERE!

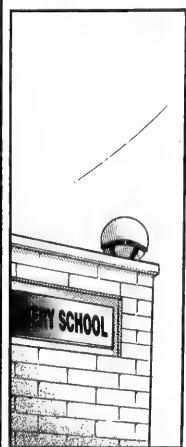
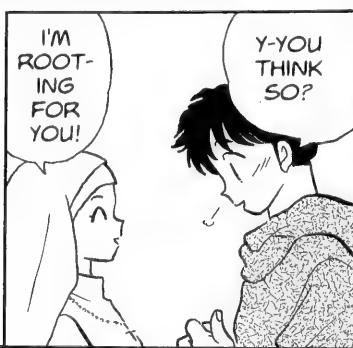
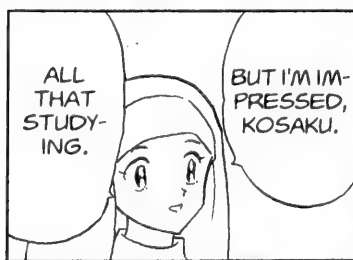
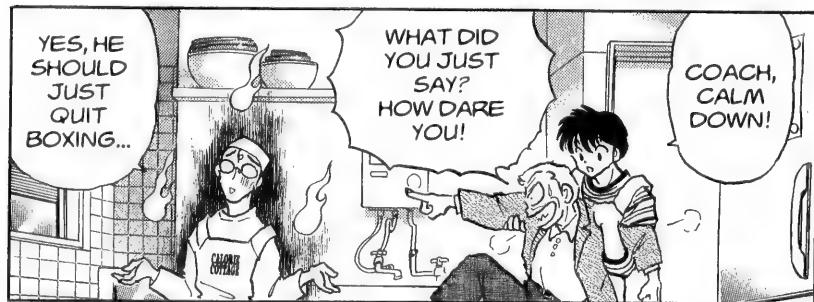
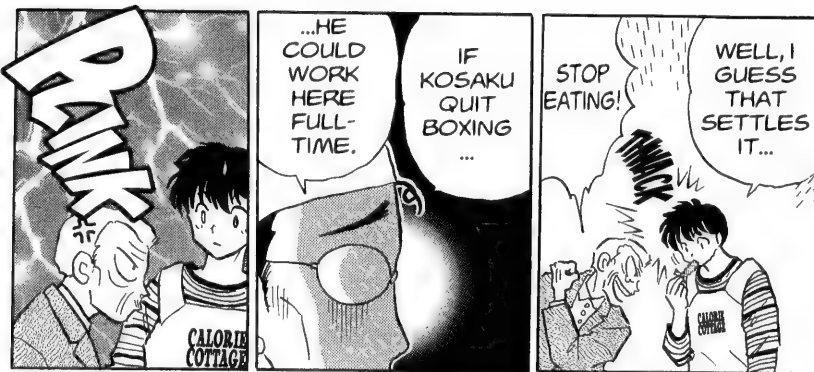


Q26. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ABOUT DIETARY FIBER IS CORRECT?

- (1) DIETARY FIBER IS ONLY FOUND IN VEGETABLE FIBERS
- (2) PECTIN AND MANNAN ARE TWO TYPES OF DIETARY FIBER
- (3) DIETARY FIBER IS NOT SWEET BY NATURE, BUT IT CAN BE MADE TO TASTE SWEET







...BUT KOSAKU'S
HAPPY CUZ HE
GETS FREE
FOOD. NO
WONDER THE
CHEF LIKES HIM.



...WITH THE
ECONOMY THE
WAY IT IS, HE
CAN'T AFFORD
TO PAY MUCH...

"JUST
QUIT
BOXING,"
EH?

DAMN
THAT
RASCAL
OF A
CHEF!

MUKAIDA'S GYM
BOXERS WANTED

CH-CHEF!

WHAT
WOULD I
DO
WITHOUT
YOU...

SEE YA
TOMOR-
ROW.

GOOD
NIGHT, CHEF.

FEETER

CALORIE

IF YOU GET YOUR
CHEF'S LICENSE, I
WILL ALLOW YOU TO
TAKE OVER MY
KITCHEN...

DON'T
SAY
THAT.

OVER-
WORK
WILL BE
THE
DEATH
OF ME...

THANK YOU
FOR
BRINGING
ME HOME.

THEN...
I WILL
FINALLY
REST.

BEAUTY APTS.

KOSA-
KU'S HIS
ONLY EM-
PLOYEE.

THE
GUY'S
FRAIL.

PLUS
...

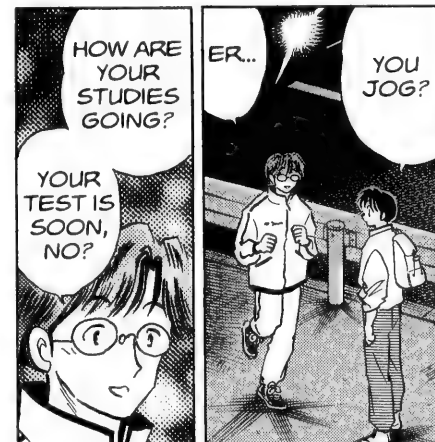
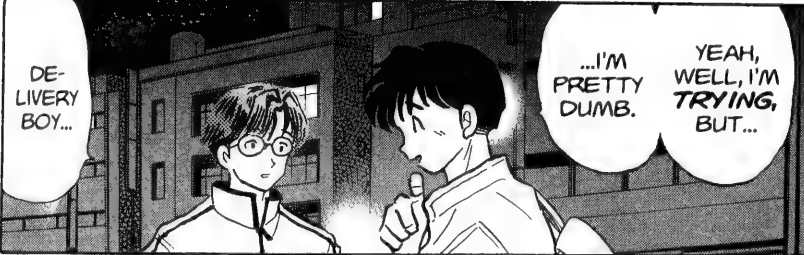
THERE'S REALLY
AN EMPLOYER OUT
THERE WHO
THINKS
HATANAKA'S
IRREPLACEABLE?
I'M IMPRESSED.

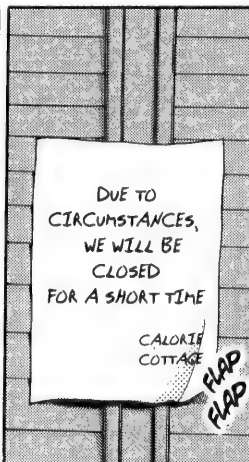
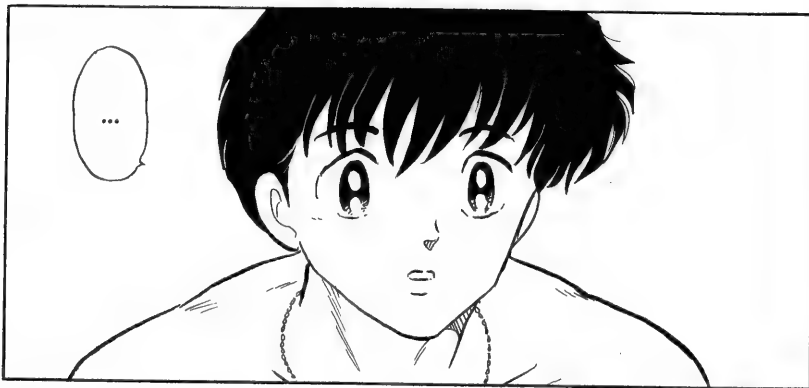


AND THAT
TRAITOR,
KOSAKU.

JUST
STOOD
THERE
AND SAID
NOTHING!

BLAZE





CAN'T
YOU
TRUST
HIM?

...KOSAKU'S
ALWAYS
PULLED
THROUGH IN
THE END
BEFORE.

SISTER
ANGELA!

PLEASE.

CAN
I...?

SIGH

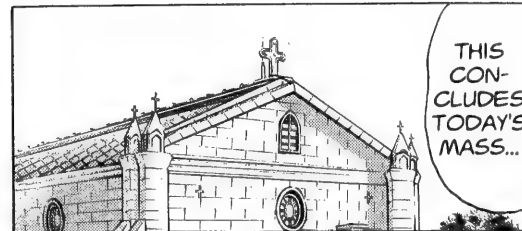
K-KOSAKU!

DUCK

GLITTER

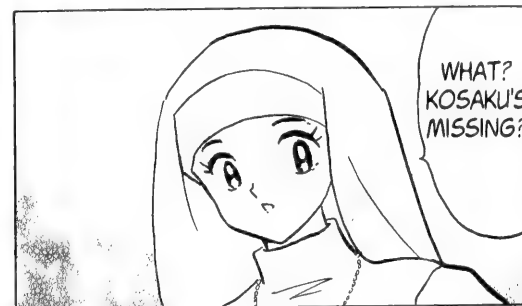
I'VE GOT
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT
TO TELL YOU.

WHY THE
HECK IS HE
SO
CHEERFUL?

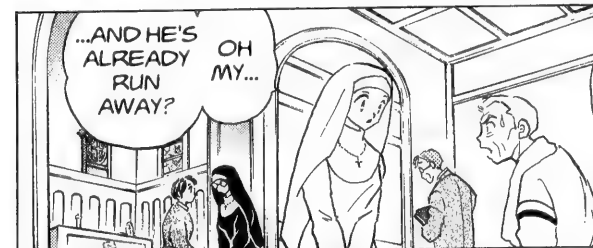


THIS
CON-
CLUDES
TODAY'S
MASS...

FULL
STEAM
AHEAD!!
YES!



WHAT?
KOSAKU'S
MISSING?



...AND HE'S
ALREADY
RUN
AWAY?

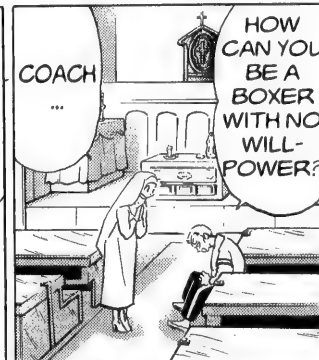
OH
MY...

WE'D ONLY JUST
STARTED HIS
WEIGHT-LOSS
PROGRAM...



AFTER
ALL...

THIS
ISN'T
ANYTHING
NEW.



COACH
...

HOW
CAN YOU
BE A
BOXER
WITH NO
WILL-
POWER?



...I JUST
DON'T
GET HOW
HIS MIND
WORKS.

I
SWEAR
...

COME RUN
THE BENTO
KITCHEN
WITH ME.

UH...

...BUT I'VE
STARTED
SAVING
MONEY.

THINGS
MIGHT
BE
TOUGH
AT
FIRST...

...AND
THE
CHEF
TRUSTS
ME...
WHEN I
THINK
ABOUT MY
FUTURE, THE
KITCHEN
REALLY
SUITS ME...

I'VE NEVER
HAD **ANY**
SKILLS
EXCEPT FOR
BOXING.
UNTIL NOW.

UM,
KOSA-
KU...?

GRIP

1,980
YEN*...?

BONK

POP

YOU
IDIOT!

C-COACH...

THAT'S
ALL
BOXING
MEANS TO
YOU?

THAT'S
IT?
THAT'S
IT?

OH,
WELL...

YOUR
COACH
HAS BEEN
WORRIED.

MR.
HATANAKA,
WHERE HAVE
YOU BEEN?

I'VE,
UH...

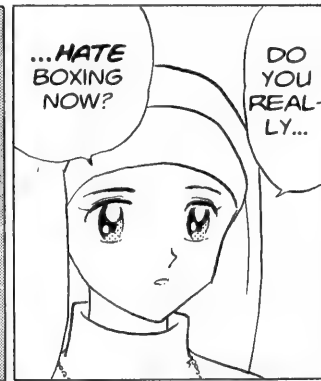
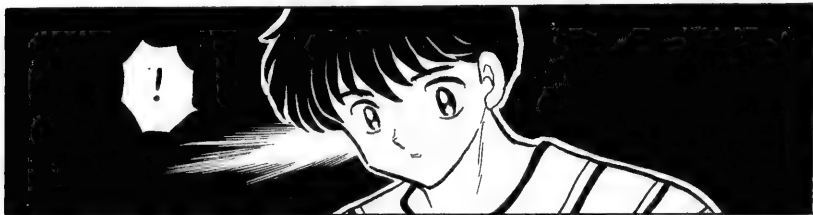
MY... THAT'S
WHAT THIS
WAS ABOUT?

OH...

I TOOK MY
CHEF'S
LICENSE
EXAM
TODAY.

YOU
SHOULD
LEAVE
THE
CHURCH
TOO,
SISTER!

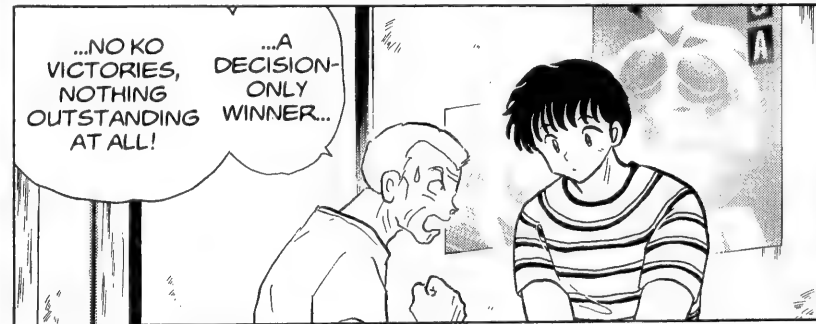
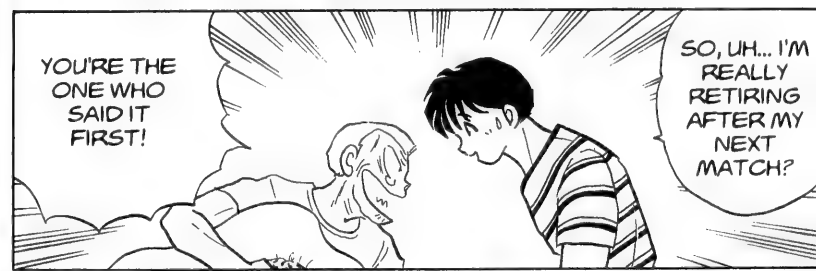
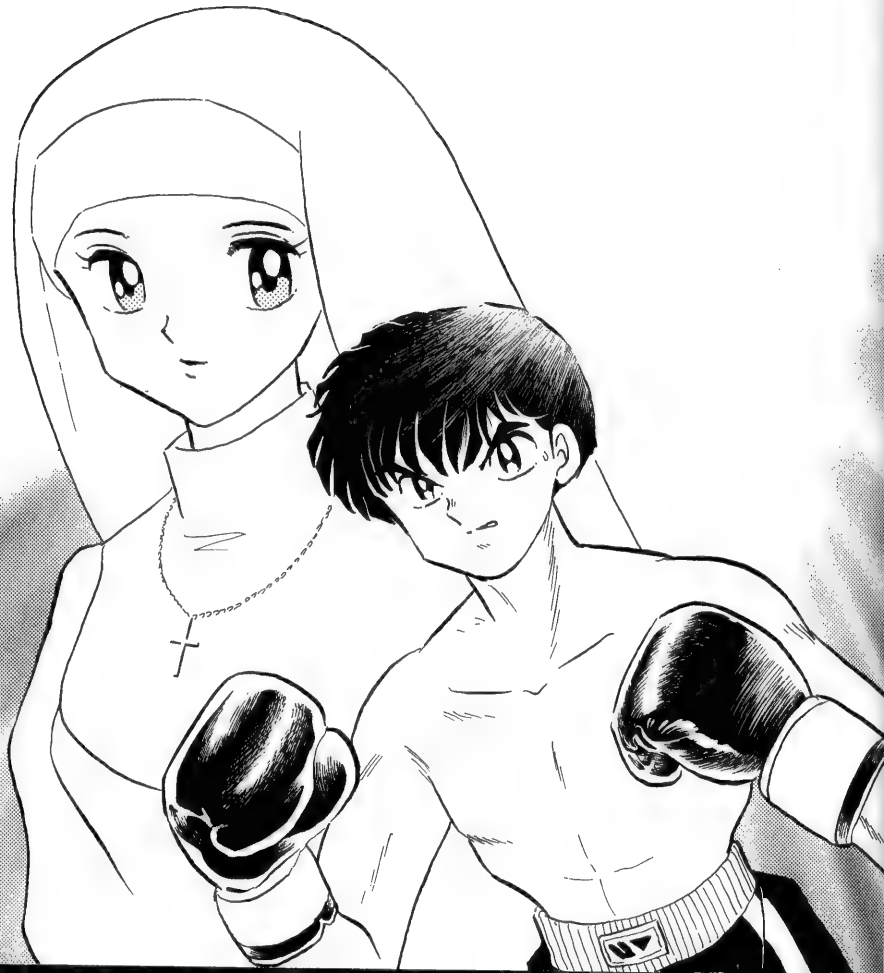
I'VE
DECIDED
TO QUIT
BOXING.



CHAPTER TWO

THE LAMB'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

PART TWO





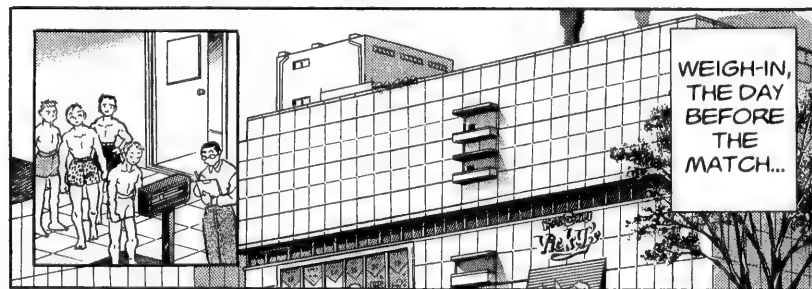
YOU SHOULD LEAVE THE CHURCH TOO, SISTER!

I'VE DECIDED TO QUIT BOXING.

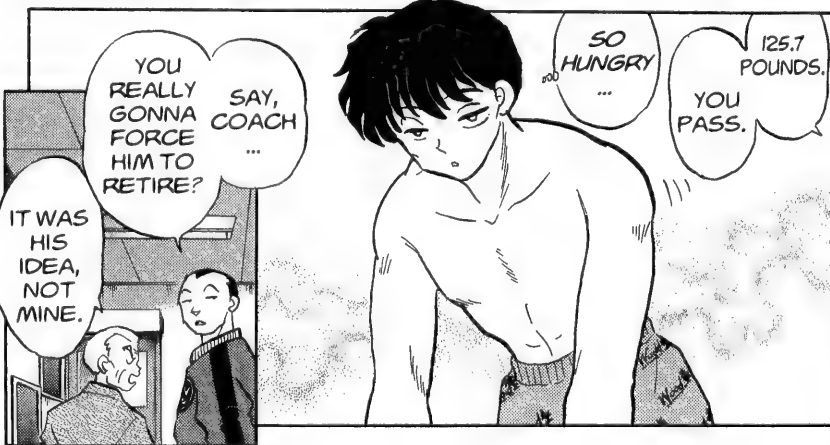


I WONDER...

IS HE REALLY PLANNING TO QUIT?



WEIGH-IN, THE DAY BEFORE THE MATCH...



YOU REALLY GONNA FORCE HIM TO RETIRE?

SAY, COACH ...

IT WAS HIS IDEA, NOT MINE.

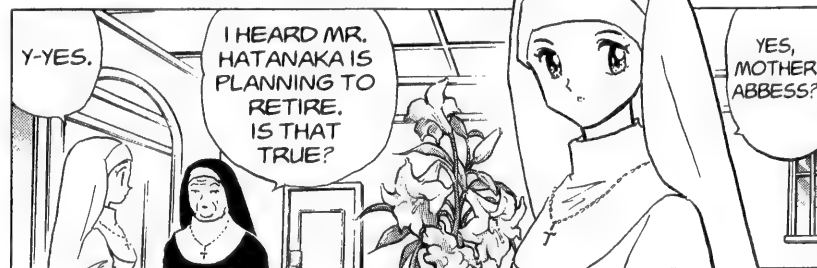
SO HUNGRY ...

125.7 POUNDS.

YOU PASS.



SISTER ANGELA.



Y-YES.

I HEARD MR. HATANAKA IS PLANNING TO RETIRE. IS THAT TRUE?

YES, MOTHER ABBESS?



HIS **BOXING** WAS ALWAYS HIS EXCUSE FOR LOITERING AROUND YOU, WASN'T IT?



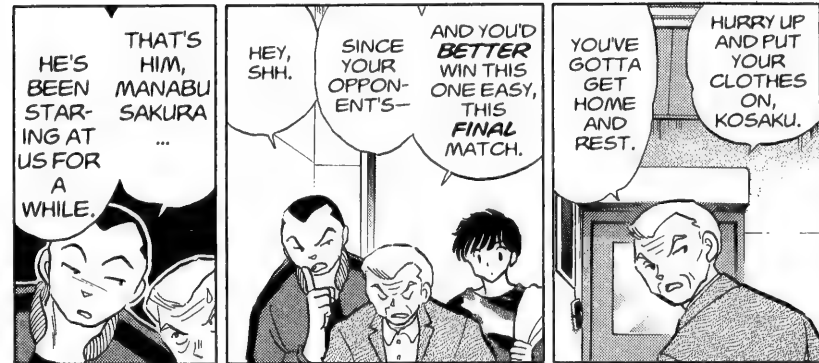
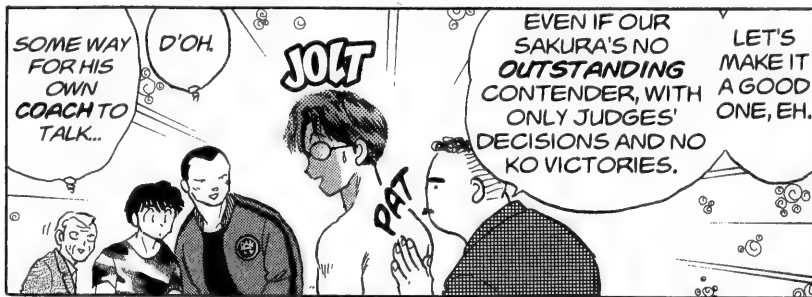
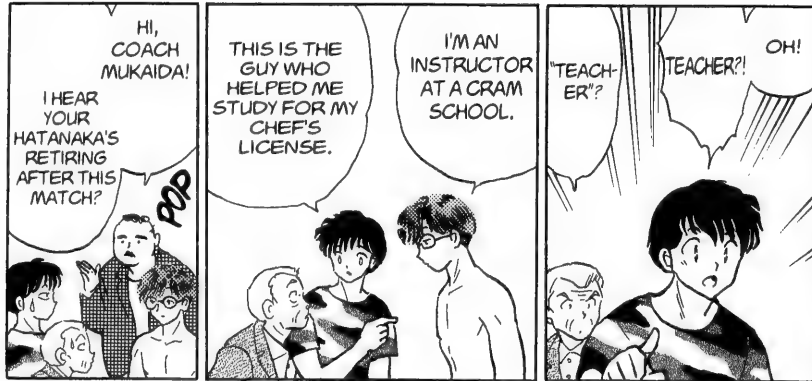
WHAT A RELIEF!

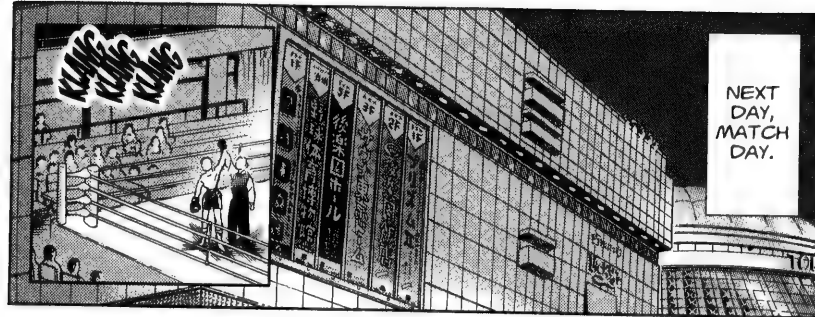
WELL. AT LEAST THAT WILL NOW END.



MOTHER ABBESS...

ARE YOU BEING NAÏVE ON PURPOSE?





NEXT
DAY,
MATCH
DAY.



KOSA-
KU...

IT'S OUR
DUTY TO
WITNESS
HIS FINAL
MATCH.

WE'VE
MADE IT
IN TIME,
MOTHER
ABBESS.



SISTER
ANGELA

OH, IT'S
THE
SISTERS.



WE SHALL NOW
COMMENCE
THE FEATHER-
WEIGHT 8-
ROUND BOUTS.

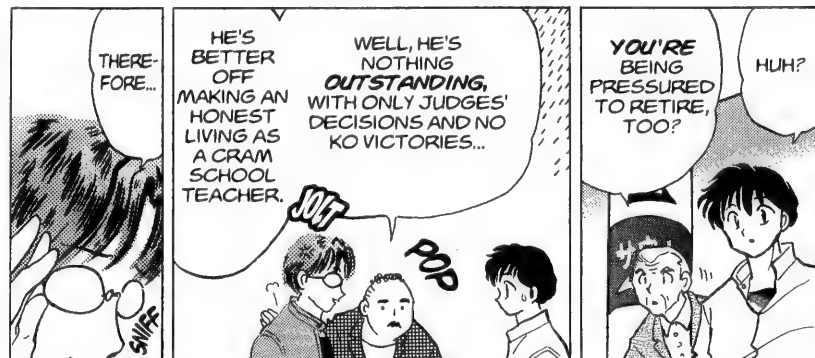
AM I ON THE
RIGHT
PATH?

SISTER, I
AM... SO
CONFUSED.



I'M
FIGHTING
THIS MATCH...
...SO I CAN
CONTINUE
MY
BOXING
CAREER.

I'M YOUR
OPPOSITE
IN THIS.



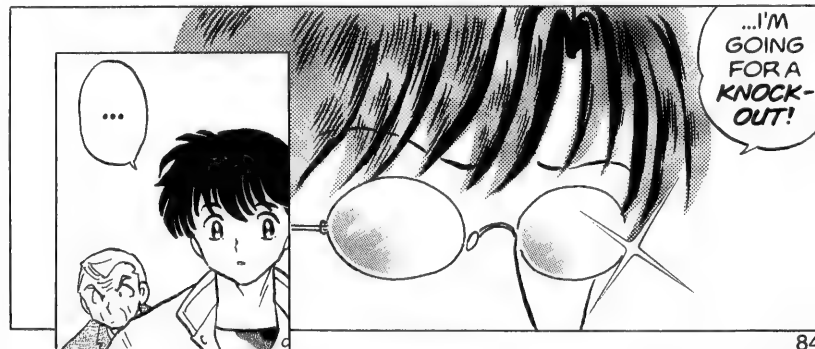
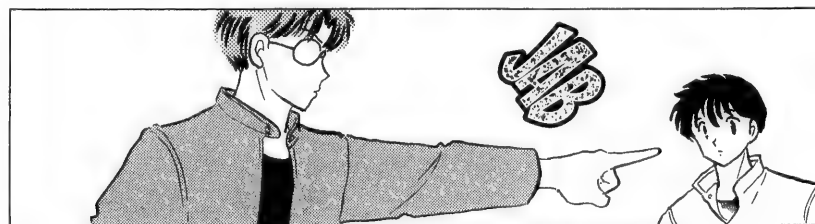
THERE-
FORE...

HE'S
BETTER
OFF
MAKING AN
HONEST
LIVING AS
A CRAM
SCHOOL
TEACHER.

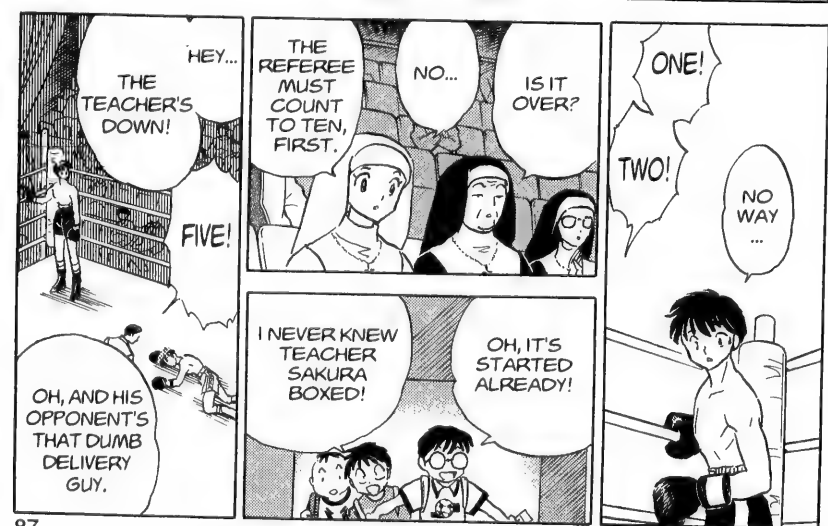
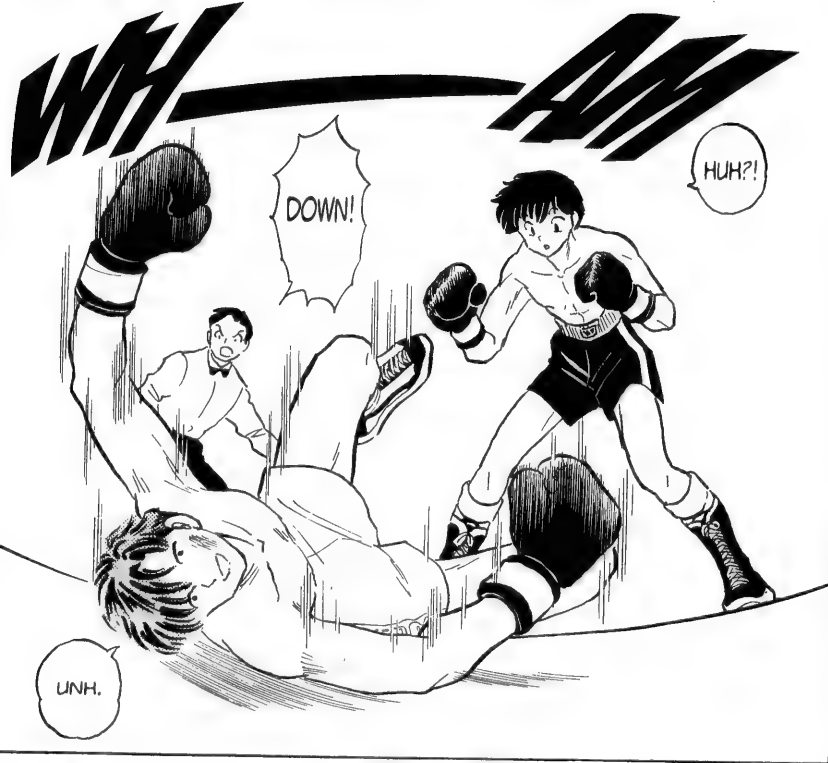
WELL, HE'S
NOTHING
OUTSTANDING,
WITH ONLY JUDGES'
DECISIONS AND NO
KO VICTORIES...

YOU'RE
BEING
PRESSURED
TO RETIRE,
TOO?

HUH?



...I'M
GOING
FOR A
**KNOCK-
OUT!**



...DON'T
TELL ME SEC
KOSA-
KU'S...

WAIT
A
SEC



KOSAKU,
MOVE UP,
UP!

HE'S
STARTED
TO
TIGHTEN
HIS
GUARD.



YOU COULDA
PRESSED
HIM AND
TAKEN HIM
DOWN EASY!

YOU'RE HOLDING
BACK!
WHAT'S
WITH YOU?



KLANG
KLANG
KLANG

END OF
ROUND
ONE!



...TO LAST
AS LONG
AS
POSSIBLE.

I WANT
THIS
MATCH
...

HAVE YOU
GONE
TOTALLY
GUTLESS?

WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING?

WHAT'S HUH...?
WITH THE
GLARE?



FEH!
THERE'S
NO PRIDE
IN TAKING
THAT GUY
DOWN.



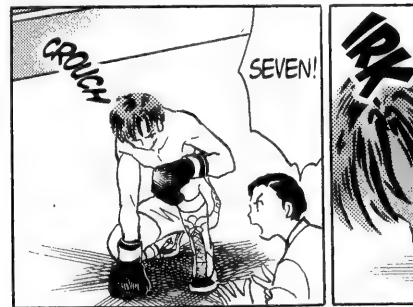
IT'S A
SHAME
HE'S
GONNA
RETIRE.



HATA-
NAKA'S
REALLY
STRONG,
ISN'T HE?

CROUCH

SEVEN!



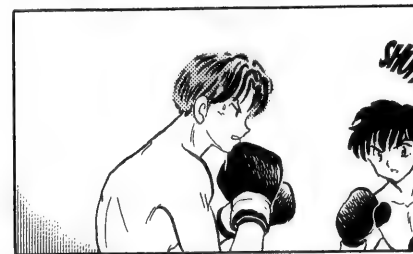
IRK

HE'S GOT NO
KO VICTORIES.
HE'S
NOBODY!



SHUFFLE

PHEW... I'M
KINDA GLAD
HE WAS
ABLE TO
GET UP...



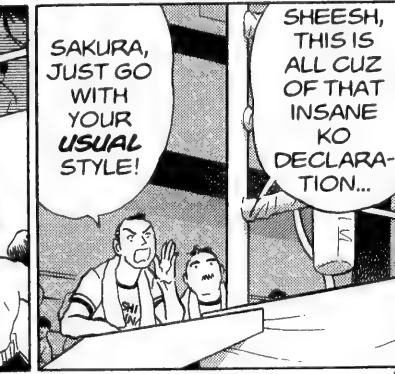
FIGHT!

CLENCH

WHAP



SAKURA,
JUST GO
WITH
YOUR
USUAL
STYLE!



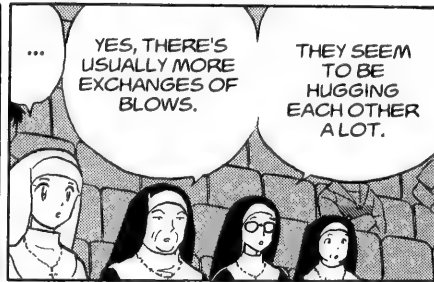
SHEESH,
THIS IS
ALL CUZ
OF THAT
INSANE
KO
DECLARATION...





YEAH, WE NEED TO STUDY FOR OUR EXAMS.

I WANNA GO HOME.



... YES, THERE'S USUALLY MORE EXCHANGES OF BLOWS.

THEY SEEM TO BE HUGGING EACH OTHER A LOT.



YOU'RE LETTING SAKURA CONTROL THE PACE!

KOSAKU!



DASH

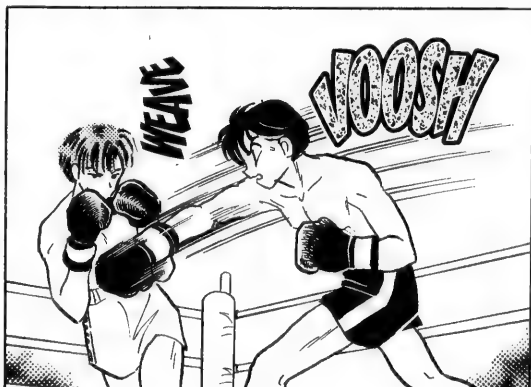
I'VE GOT TO GET HIM TO FACE ME HEAD-ON.

I KNOW!



IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT, I GUESS.

THAT'S IT, SAKURA, JUST KEEP RUNNING.



WEAVE

VOOSH



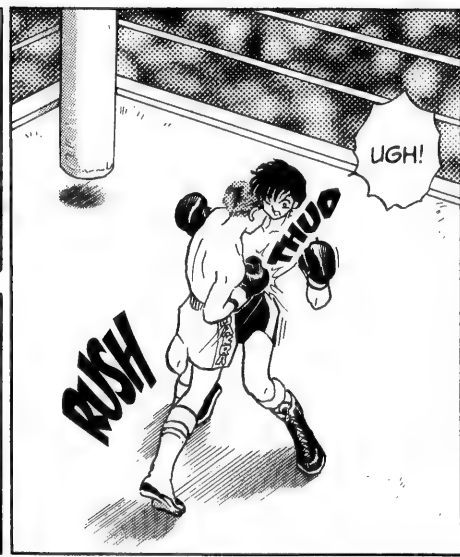
BREAK!

DAMMIT!



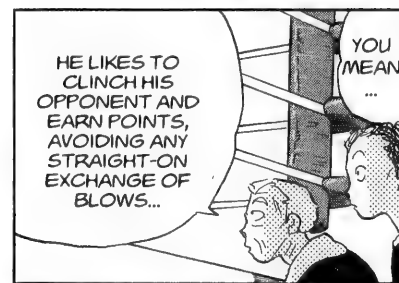
HE'S CLINCHING HATANAKA EVEN BEFORE HE STARTS HITTING HIM.

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT GUY?



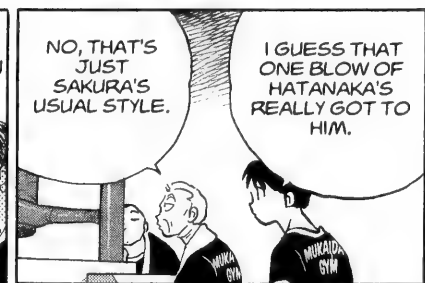
UGH!

RUSH



HE LIKES TO CLINCH HIS OPPONENT AND EARN POINTS, AVOIDING ANY STRAIGHT-ON EXCHANGE OF BLOWS...

YOU MEAN ...



NO, THAT'S JUST SAKURA'S USUAL STYLE.

I GUESS THAT ONE BLOW OF HATANAKA'S REALLY GOT TO HIM.



BREAK!



ROUND FIVE.

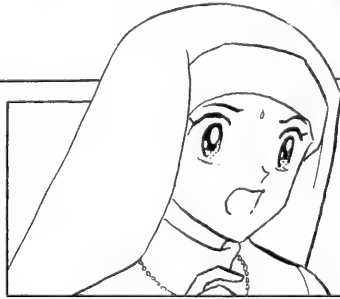


EXACTLY.

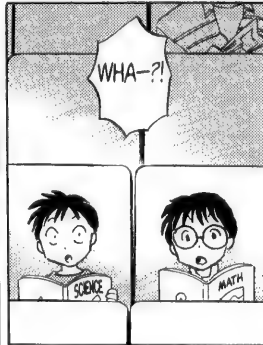
HOW BOR-ING.

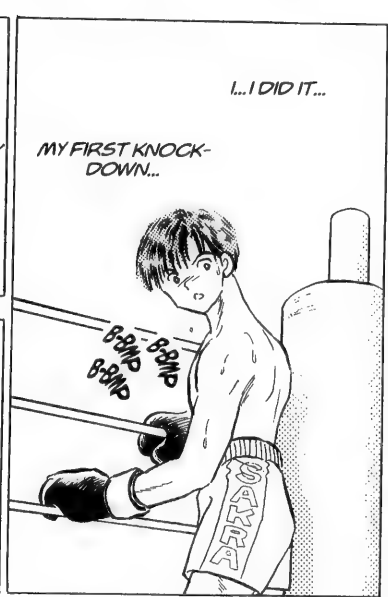
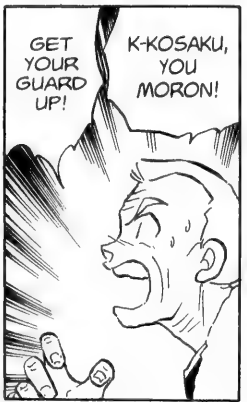
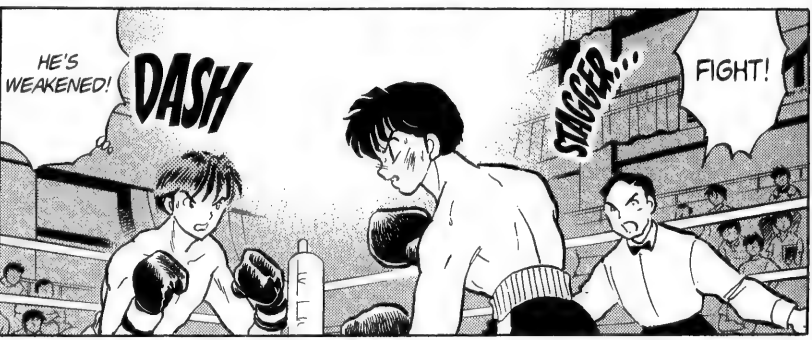


SLAM



K-KOSAKU!







...THIS IS
MY KIND
OF
BOXING!!

FINALLY...

CRUNCH



A-
A DOUBLE
KNOCKOUT
...?!



KNOCK
HIM
DOWN!

GO,
TEACHER!

HIT HIM BACK,
KOSAKU!



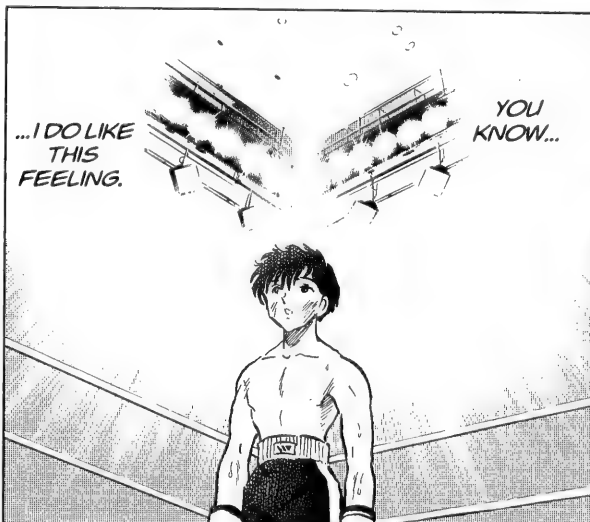
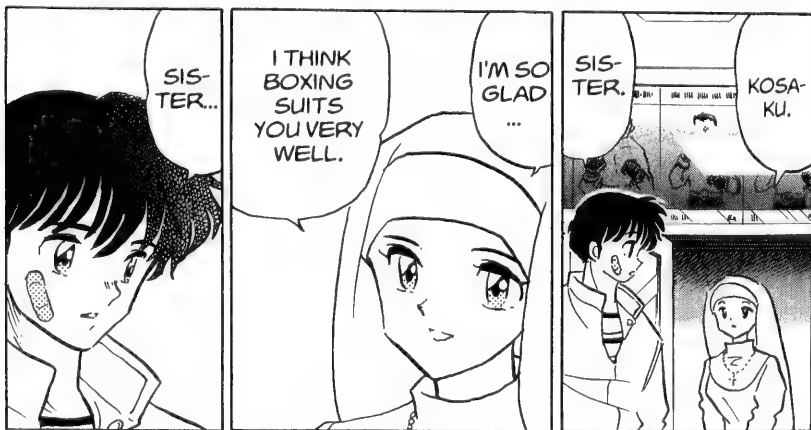
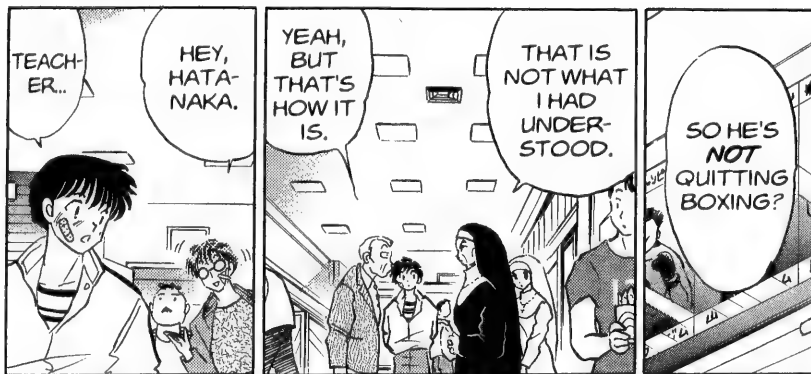
IF I JUST
KEEP UP THE
PRESSURE...

THWACK



...I'LL HAVE MY
FIRST KO WIN
EVER!

RUSH



CHAPTER THREE THE LAMB'S PROMISE PART ONE



SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR NEXT BOUT.

THE COACH WENT OUT?



COULD YOU **NOT** EAT HERE AT THE GYM?

HEY, HATANAKA!

OKAY. OH.



CALM? HUH?

EVERYONE STAY CALM.

WELCOME BACK.

OH HEY, COACH!

CLASH

SHUDDER SHUDDER TREMBLE TREMBLE



...SO PLEASE, WAIT FOR ME UNTIL THEN, SISTER.

BUT SOMEDAY, I SWEAR WE WILL RUN A BENTO KITCHEN TOGETHER..



SEVERAL WEEKS LATER.



HE REALLY IS DUMB.

WEEP

...THE CHEF'S LICENSE EXAM? YOU FAILED ...

WE

CHAPTER THREE

THE LAMB'S PROMISE

PART ONE

ME?
A TITLE
MATCH?

WHOA

THE ORIENTAL
AND PACIFIC
BOXING
FEDERATION
CHAMPION HAS
ASKED FOR *YOU*
AS HIS NEXT
OPPONENT!

KOSAKU,
A TITLE
MATCH!

IT'S
BEEN A
LONG,
HARD
ROAD.

I'VE
CONSIDERED
CLOSING THE
GYM MORE
THAN ONCE.

BUT IT
WAS ALL
WORTH
IT.

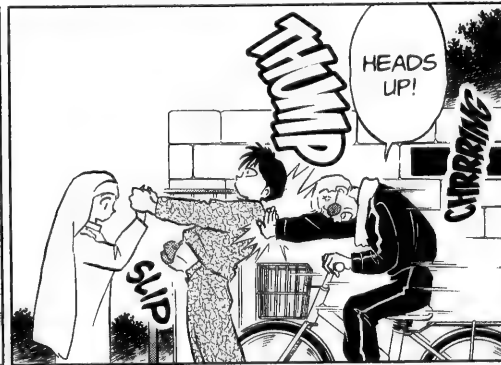
CRUNCH



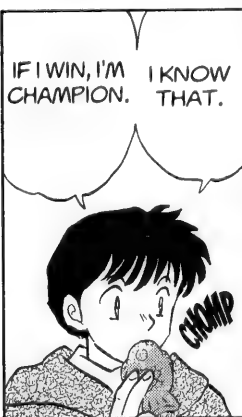
UM, MR. HATA-NAKA?

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU, ALWAYS WATCHING OVER ME...

SISTER ANGELA!



HEADS UP!

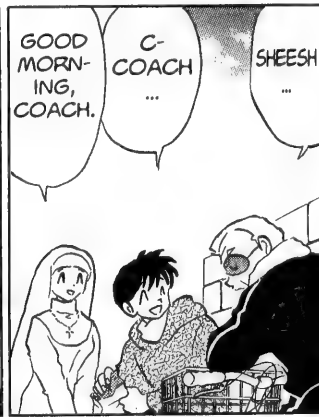


IF I WIN, I'M CHAMPION. I KNOW THAT.



KOSAKU, DON'T YOU GET IT?

IT'S DIFFERENT THIS TIME.



GOOD MORNING, COACH.

C-COACH ...

SHEESH ...



SO IF YOU WIN THIS MATCH, YOU'LL BE THE CHAMPION?

OH, MY.



UM... RIGHT.

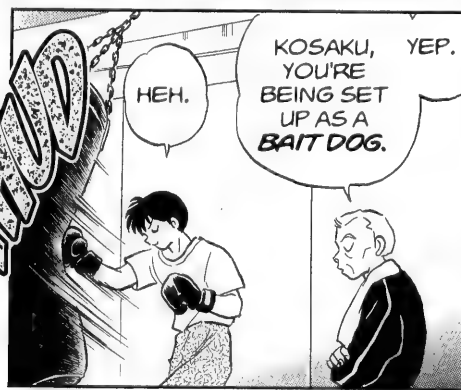
...PERHAPS GOD HAS DECIDED TO REWARD ME.



BUT MOST OF ALL...



YEP. AFTER ALL MY YEARS OF HARD WORK...

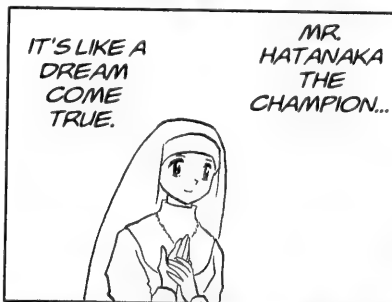
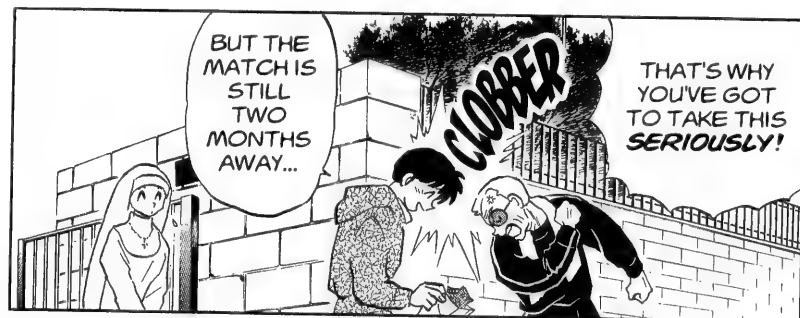


KOSAKU, YOU'RE BEING SET UP AS A BAIT DOG.

YEP.



HIS WEIGHT PROBLEMS ARE WELL KNOWN.



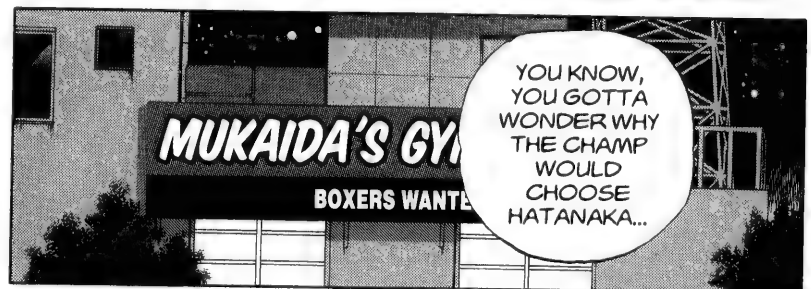
MR. HATANAKA THE CHAMPION...



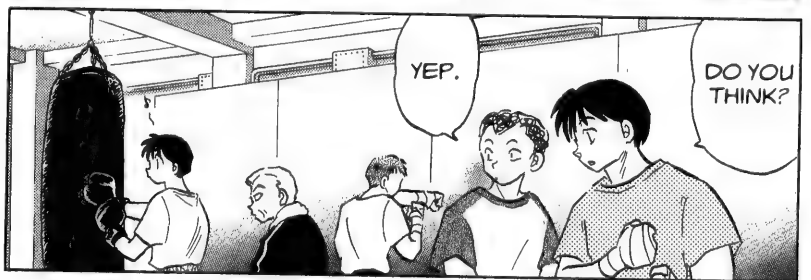
GOOD LUCK!

COME SEE THE MATCH, OKAY?

EXCUSE US, SISTER.

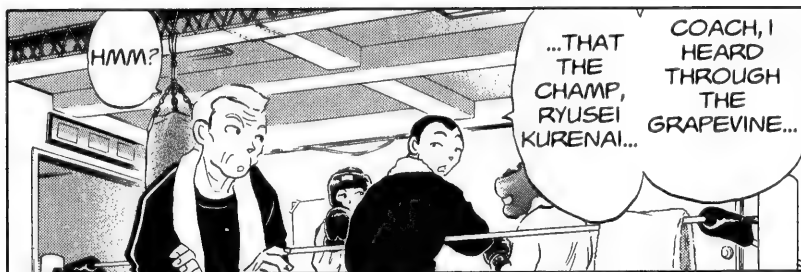


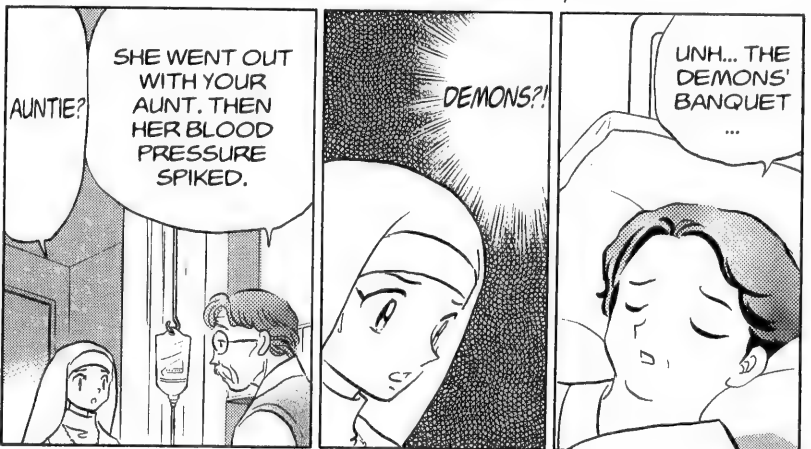
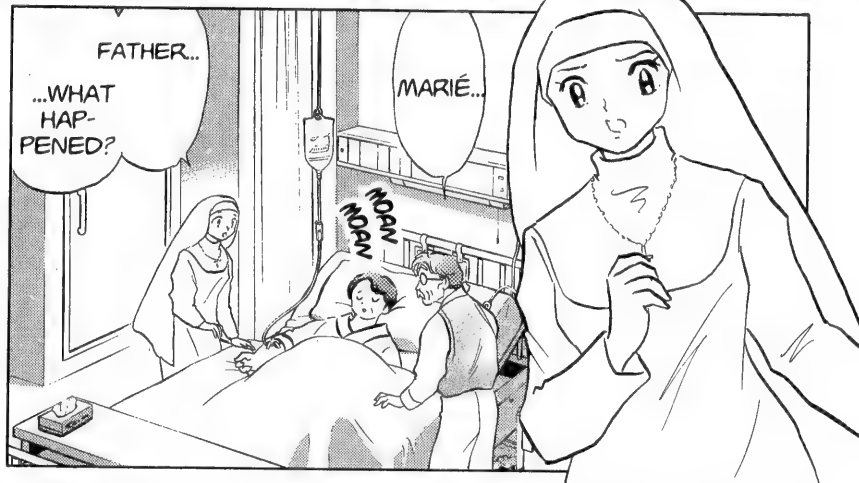
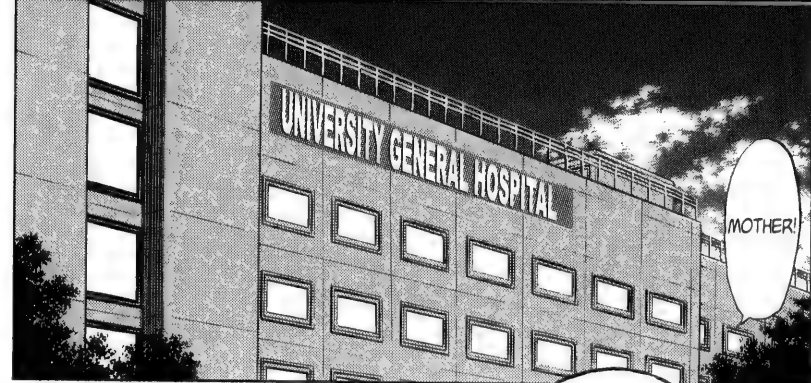
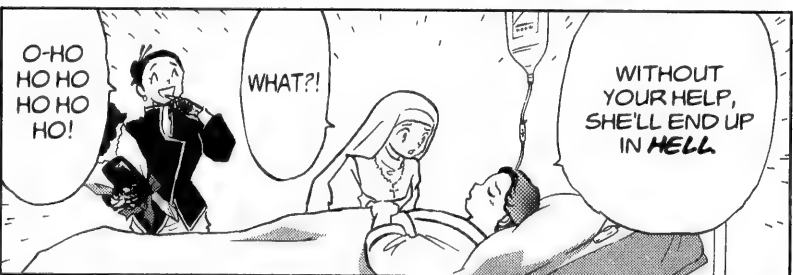
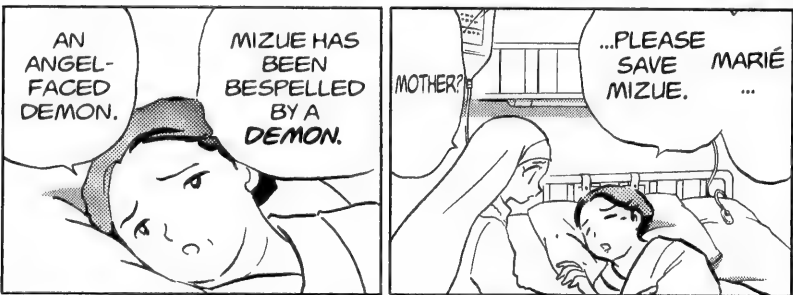
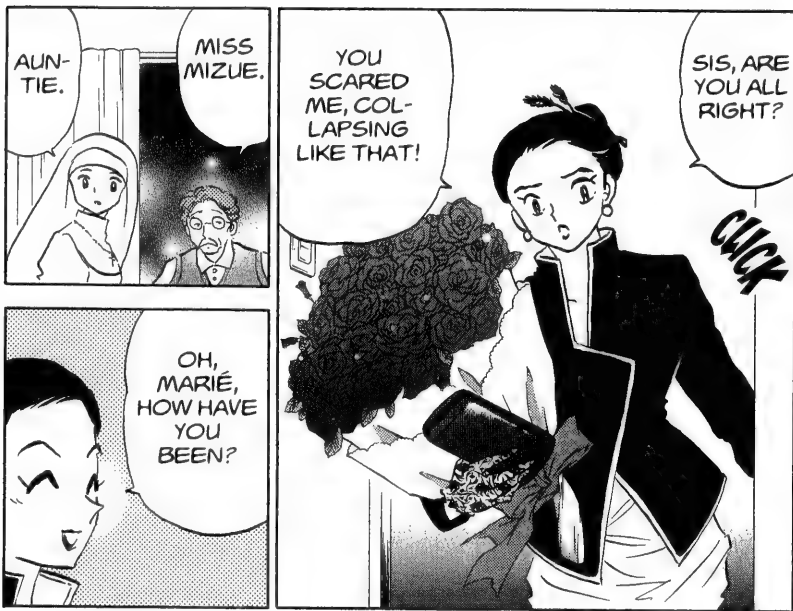
YOU KNOW, YOU GOTTA WONDER WHY THE CHAMP WOULD CHOOSE HATANAKA...

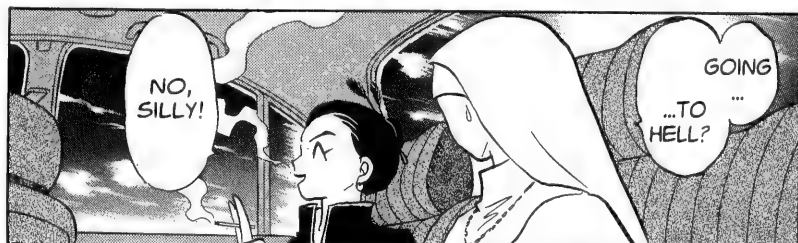
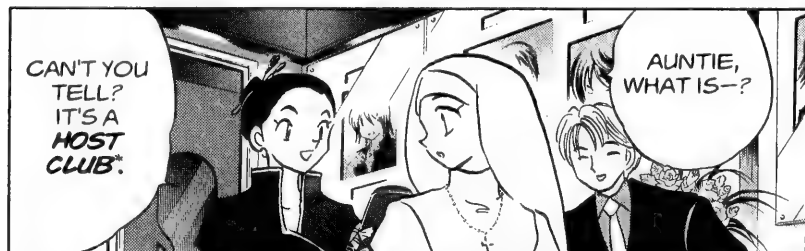
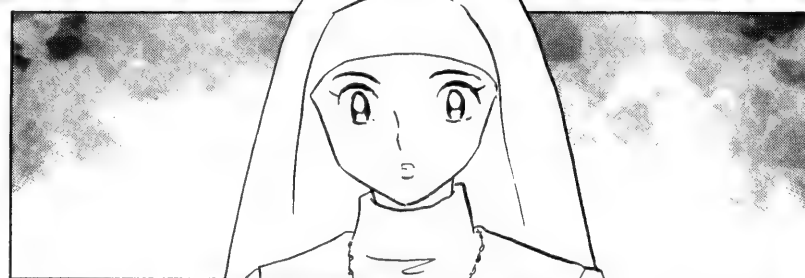


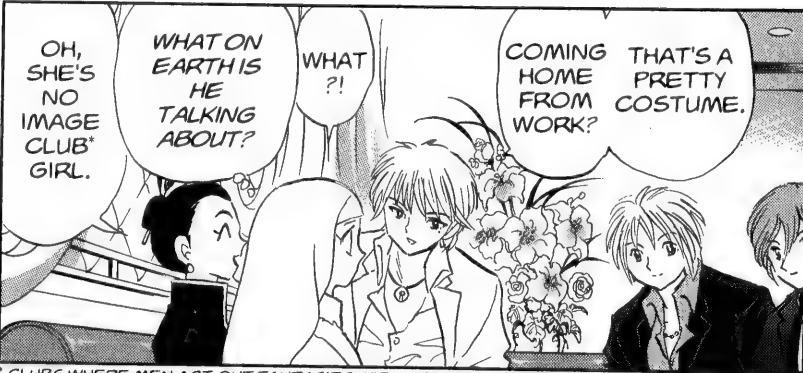
YEP.

DO YOU THINK?









OH, SHE'S NO IMAGE CLUB* GIRL.

WHAT ON EARTH IS HE TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT ?!

COMING HOME FROM WORK?

THAT'S A PRETTY COSTUME.

* CLUBS WHERE MEN ACT OUT FANTASIES WITH WOMEN IN COSTUME.



AUNTIE!

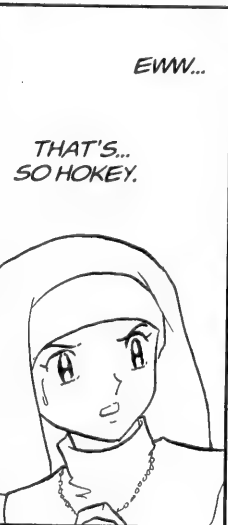
SHE CAN QUIT AT ANY TIME!

WELL, SHE IS STILL A NOVICE.



HOW RARE.

WHAT? SHE'S A REAL NUN?!



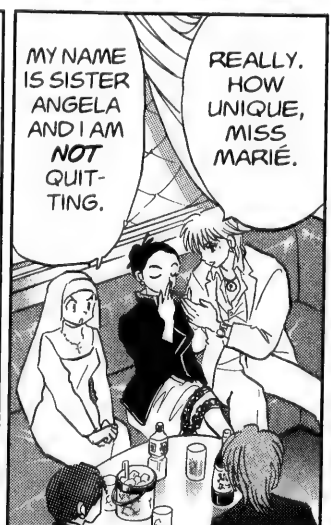
EWV...

THAT'S... SO HOKEY.



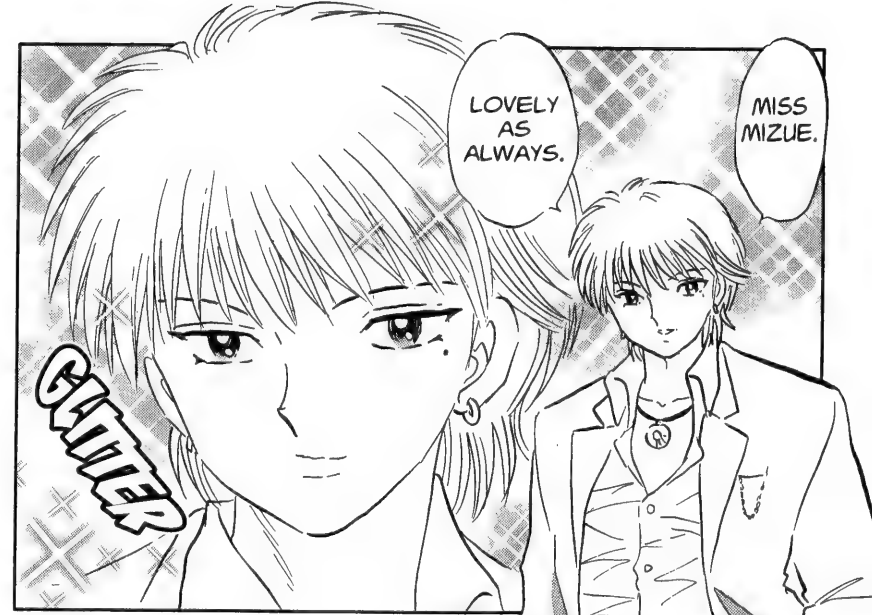
...LOVED BY A BEAUTY SUCH AS YOURSELF.

WOULD THAT I WERE GOD...



MY NAME IS SISTER ANGELA AND I AM NOT QUITTING.

REALLY. HOW UNIQUE, MISS MARIE.



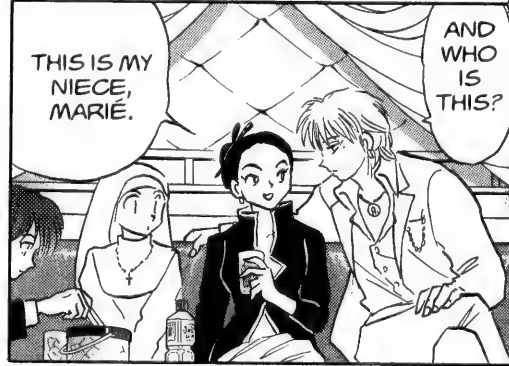
LOVELY AS ALWAYS.

MISS MIZUE.

CLIMAX

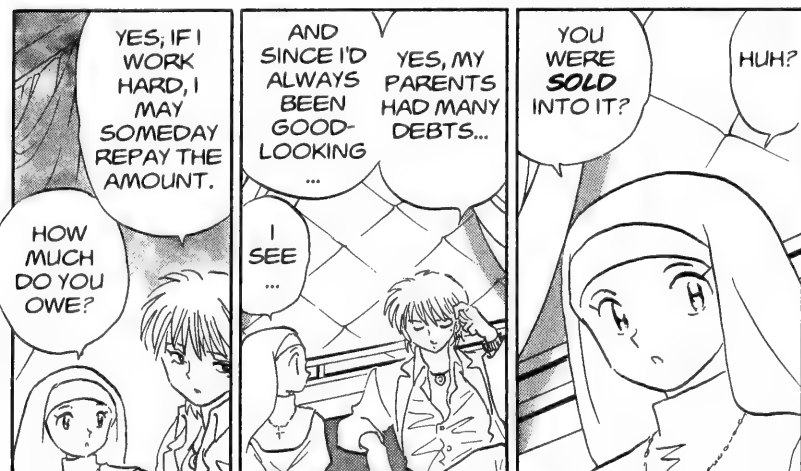


RYUSEI! HERE I AM AGAIN!



THIS IS MY NIECE, MARIE.

AND WHO IS THIS?





A GIFT OF
PINK DOM,
RIGHT
HERE!



TRICKING
THE
SISTER!

YOU'RE
SO
NAUGHTY,
RYUSEI.

HUH?



DID YOU
ORDER
THE PINK
DOM PERI?

YES.



SAY,
MARIE...

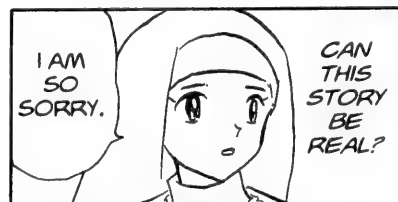
EH?

DOM PERI
OPEN
HAPPY
HAPPY



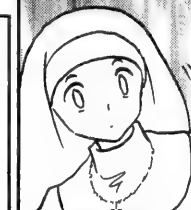
I TAKE
MY
WORK
VERY
SER-
IOUSLY.

SO
YOU
SEE...



I AM
SO
SORRY.

CAN
THIS
STORY
BE
REAL?



300
MILLION
YEN*.

*ROUGHLY \$3 MILLION.



OH?

YOU'RE A NUN,
SO I SHOULDN'T
EVEN ASK YOU
TO BUY SOME
PINK
CHAMPAGNE...



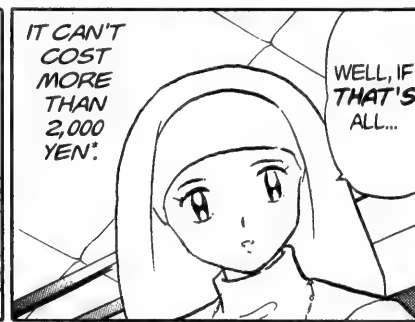
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.



I WISH I
COULD
HELP
YOU.



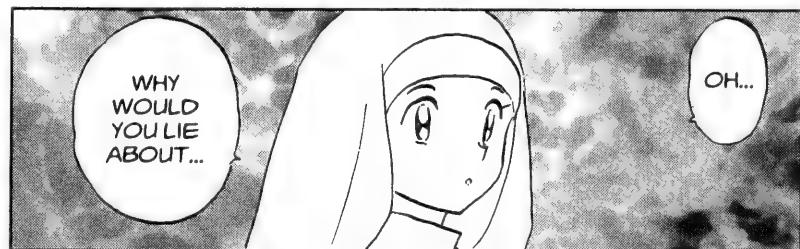
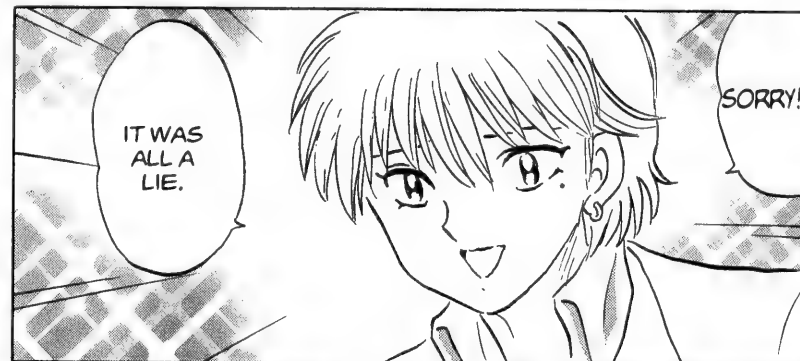
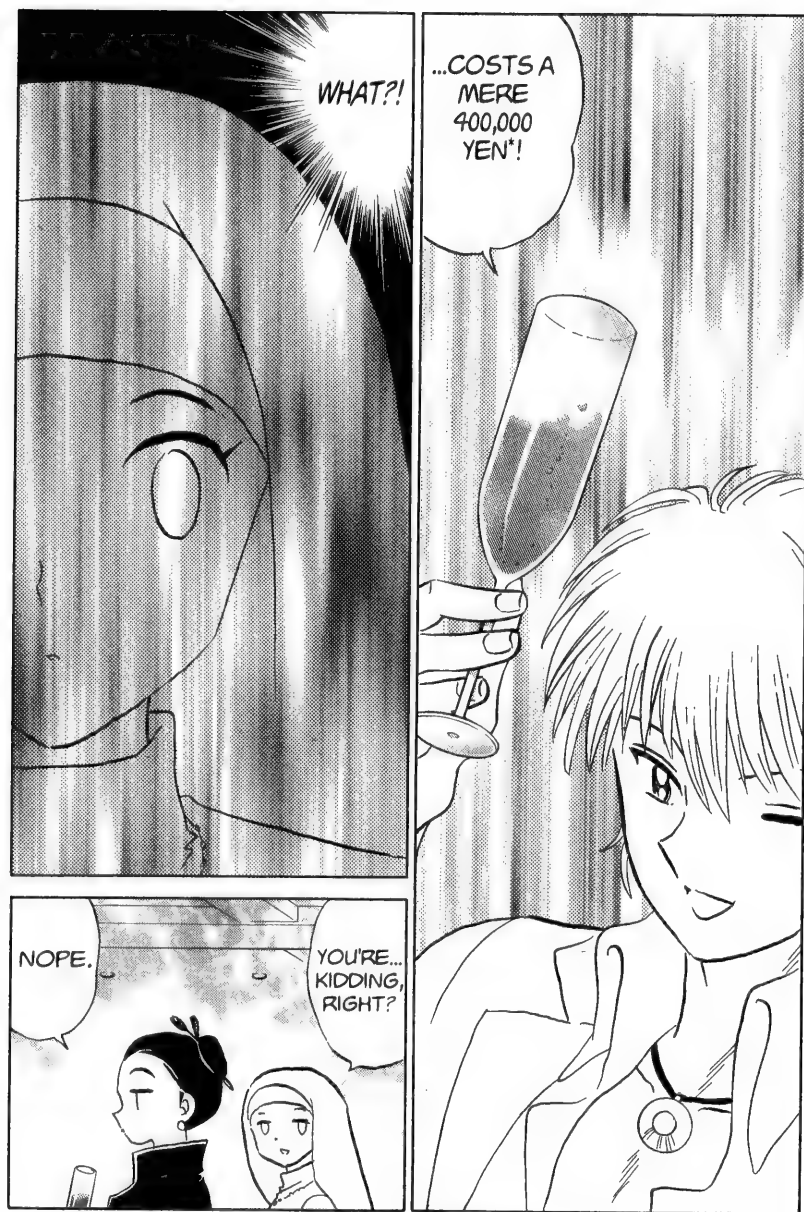
REALLY,
SISTER?!

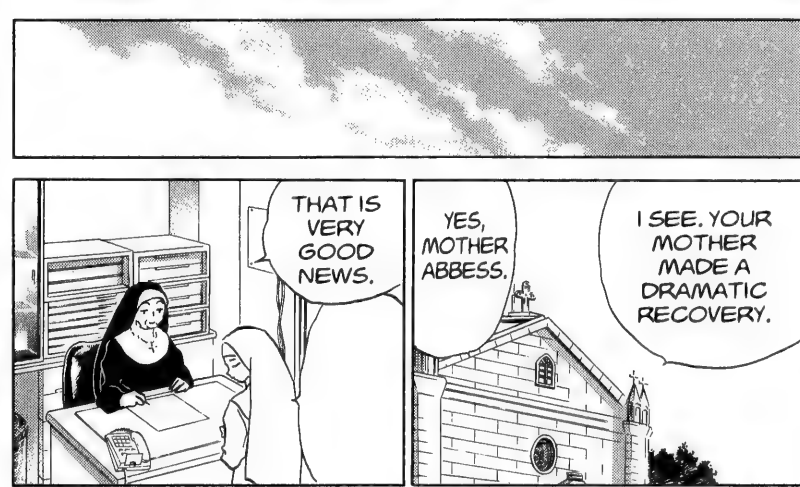
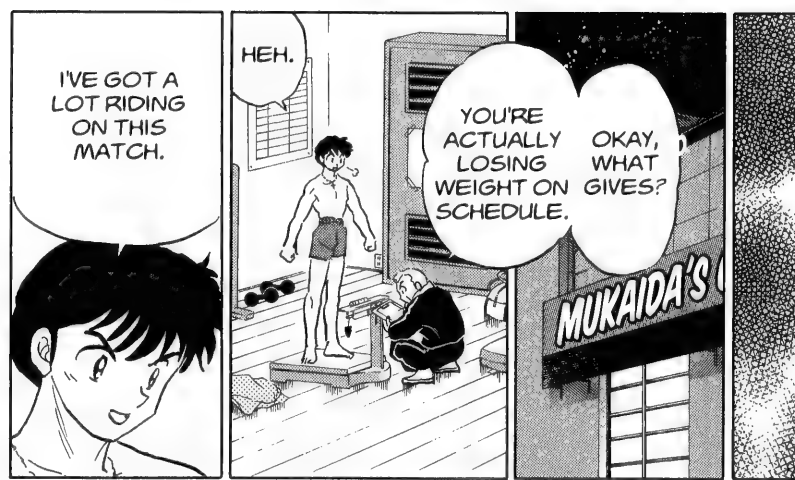


IT CAN'T
COST
MORE
THAN
2,000
YEN*.

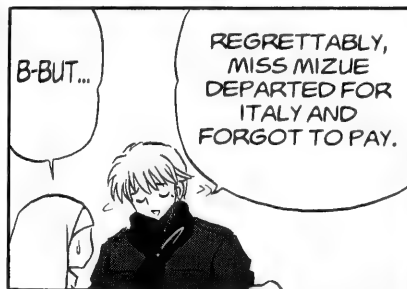
WELL, IF
THAT'S
ALL...

*ABOUT \$20.





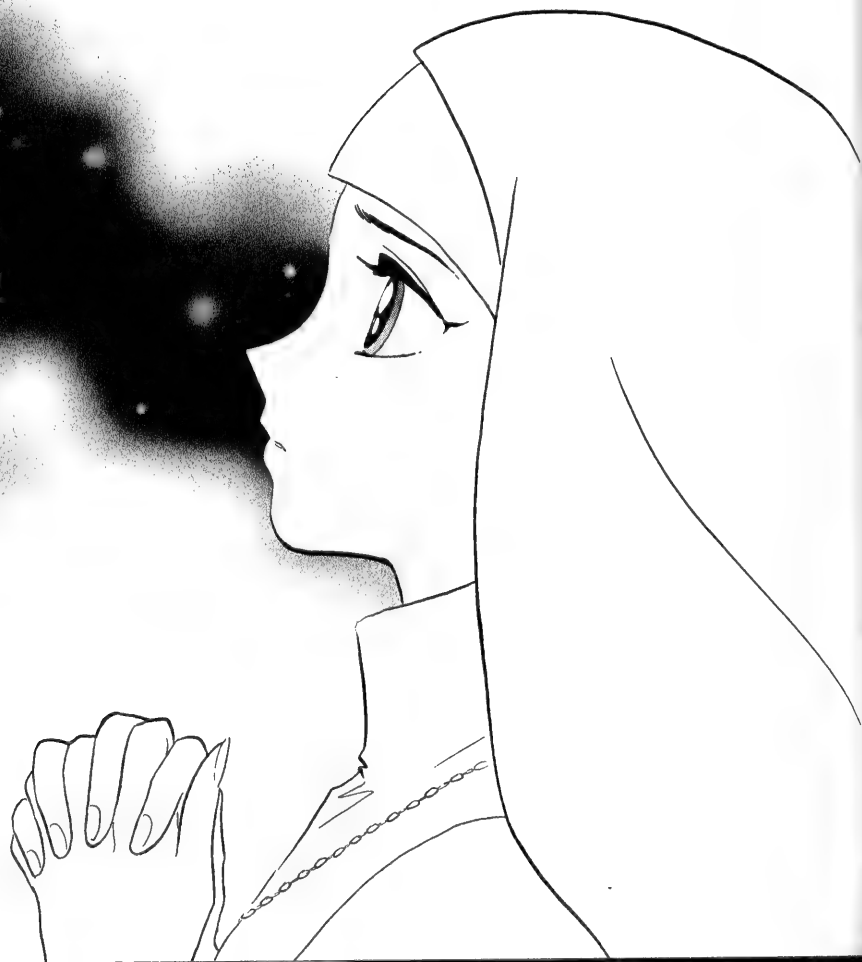




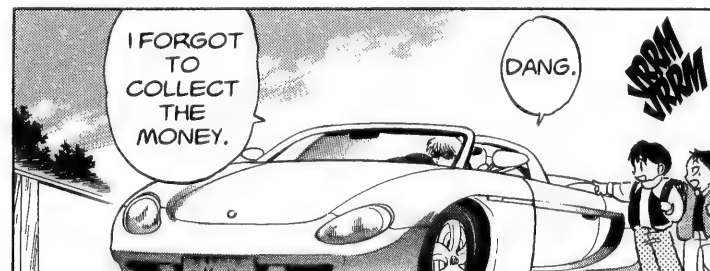
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THE LAMB'S PROMISE

PART TWO



SEE YOU AT KORAKUEN HALL.



DANG.

FROM FROM

...SAID HER AUNT
FORCIBLY TOOK
HER TO THAT HOST
CLUB, BUT...

SISTER
ANGELA...

OR WAS IT REALLY
YOU THAT I SAW
SPEAKING WITH THAT
FOPPISH MAN
YESTERDAY, IN
FRONT OF THE
SANCTUARY?

WAS IT MY
IMAGI-
NATION?

SISTER
ANGELA.

WHAT?!

WH-WHAT
SHOULD I
DO?!

IF THE
MOTHER
ABBESS
HEARS
ABOUT THAT
HOST
CLUB...

I
CAME TO
COLLECT!

YOUR BILL
FOR THE
PINK DOM
PERI...

SH-SHE
SAW US?!

ROUND
ROUND
ROUND



IMADA APTS.

HE TRULY IS
AN ANGEL-
FACED
DEMON!

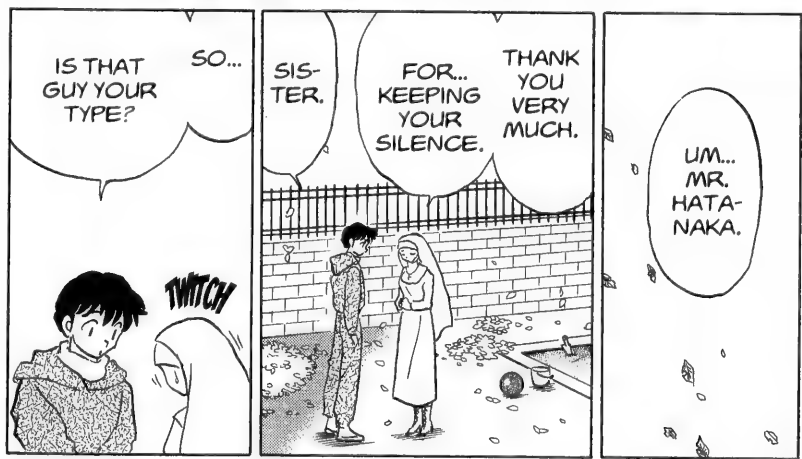
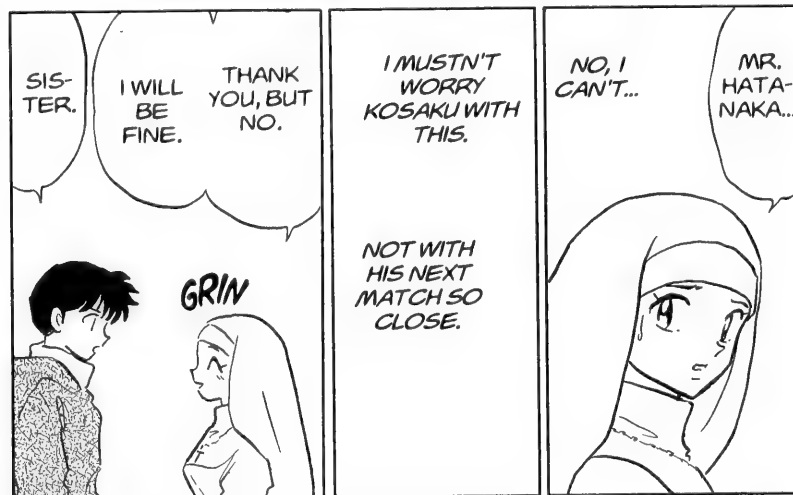
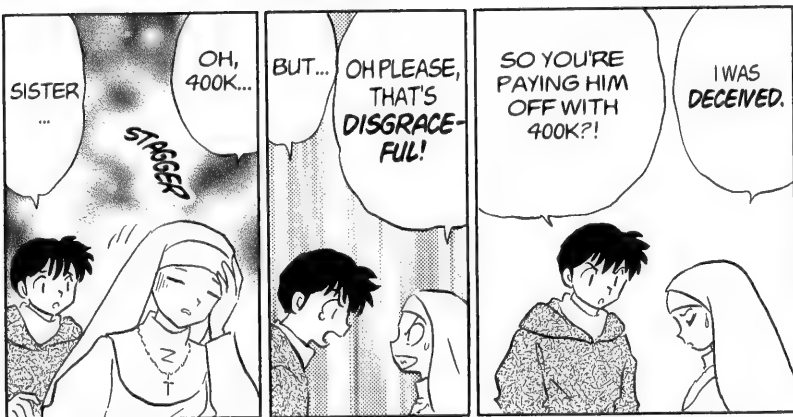
KLANG-
KLANG-
KLANG

RYUSEI
KURENAI
WITH A
BRILLIANT KO
VICTORY!

...REALLY IS THE
ORIENTAL AND
PACIFIC BOXING
FEDERATION
CHAMPION.

SO THAT
DEBT-
COLLEC-
TING
HOST...







I SAID I'LL
BE FINE!
LEAVE
ME
ALONE!

SHUT
UP!



YOU JUST
WORRY
ABOUT YOUR
BOU**T**, MR.
HATANAKA.

IN
ANY
CASE
...



SHE'S
REALLY
UPSET.

SISTER
...

PLEASE
EXCUSE
ME.



AND
THEN,
SISTER...

YOUR
MOTHER
ABBESS
WILL FIND
OUT.

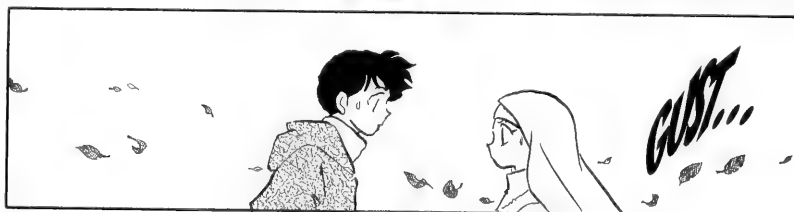


...YOU'LL BE
EX-
PELLED.



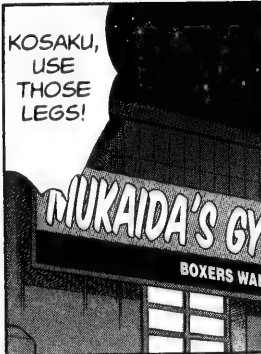
WHAT IF THE
CHAMP DROPS
BY AGAIN WITH
THE BILL?

YOU DON'T
HAVE 400K,
DO YOU?

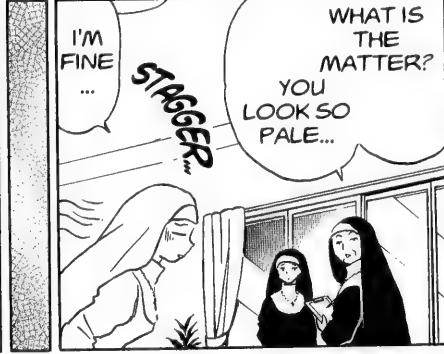
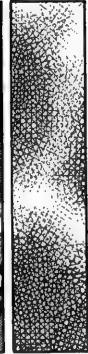


THAT WOULD
KINDA WORK IN
MY FAVOR...

YOU
KNOW...



KOSAKU,
USE
THOSE
LEGS!



I'M
FINE
...

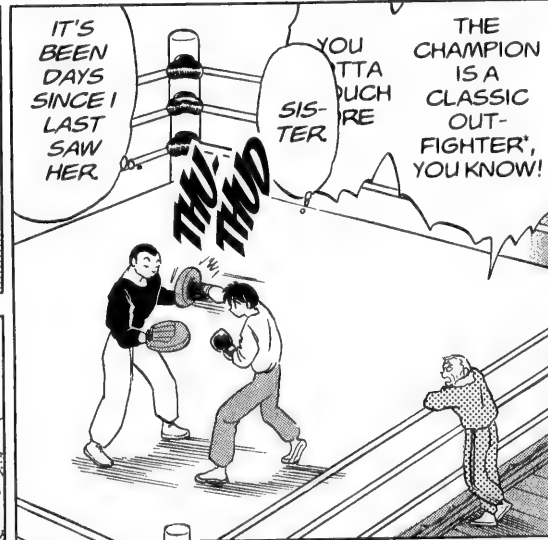
STAGGER

WHAT IS
THE
MATTER?
YOU
LOOK SO
PALE...



I
WONDER
HOW
SHE'S
DOING.

THUD



IT'S
BEEN
DAYS
SINCE I
LAST
SAW
HER.

SIS-
TER

YOU
GOTTA
FIGHT
HER

THE
CHAMPION
IS A
CLASSIC
OUT-
FIGHTER*,
YOU KNOW!



HEY!



HEH
HEH.

CLENCH
CLENCH
CLENCH

GOT
SOMETHIN'
ON YOUR
MIND, KID?



KOSAKU...

I HOPE HE WON'T
SAY ANYTHING.



...



YES?

FROM A
RELA-
TIVE.

SISTER
ANGELA?
YOU HAVE A
PHONE CALL.

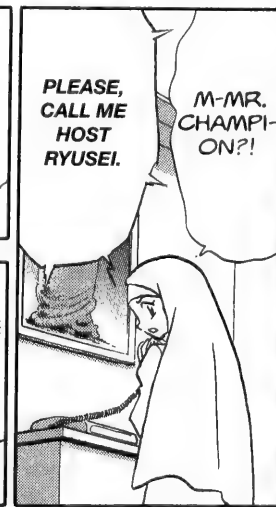


O LORD,
PLEASE
FORGIVE ME.
I LASHED OUT
WITH
MISDIRECTED
ANGER.



I'M IN A
BIND
TOO,
YOU
KNOW.

I
CANNOT
HAVE YOU
CALLING
ME AT
THE
CONVENT.



PLEASE,
CALL ME
HOST
RYUSEI.

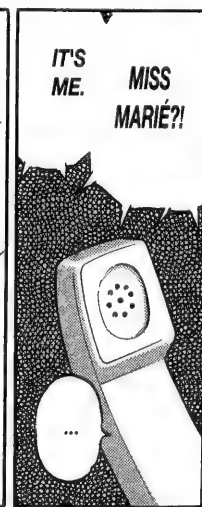
M-MR.
CHAMPI-
ON?!



PLEASE,
GIVE ME
MORE
TIME...

BOW
BOW

I
PROMISE
TO PAY
YOU...



IT'S
ME.

MISS
MARIE?!



OF COURSE
I'LL PAY IT
FOR YOU!

THAT
400K
DEBT...

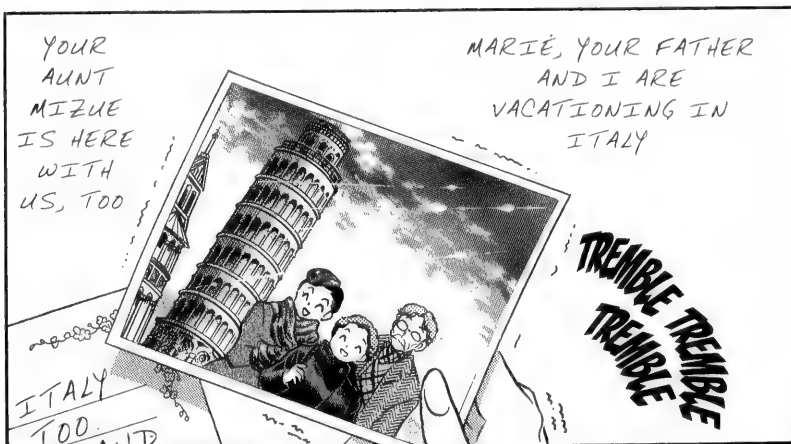
OH
DEAR
...

SO
AUNT
MIZUE
IS STILL
IN ITALY?

I
SEE...



IT CAN'T
WAIT ANY
LONGER.



YOUR
AUNT
MIZUE
IS HERE
WITH
US, TOO

MARIE, YOUR FATHER
AND I ARE
VACATIONING IN
ITALY

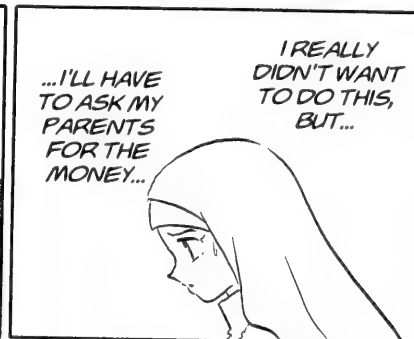
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

ITALY
TOO



PLEASE
LEAVE A
MESSAGE
AFTER THE
BEEP...

WE ARE
NOT AT
HOME
RIGHT
NOW.



...I'LL HAVE
TO ASK MY
PARENTS
FOR THE
MONEY...

I REALLY
DIDN'T WANT
TO DO THIS,
BUT...



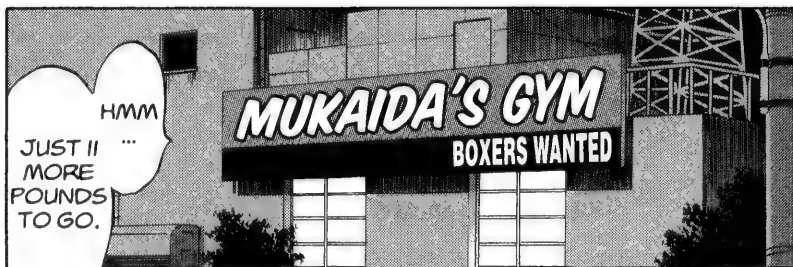
SISTER
ANGELA
IS SICK?!

WHAT?



AIR
MAIL.

SISTER
ANGELA,
YOU'VE
RECEIVED
A LETTER.



HMM

JUST 11 ...
MORE
POUNDS
TO GO.



THE
SISTER'S
IN PAIN.



IT'S LIVE-
AT-THE-
GYM TIME.

OKAY!



HE'S
REACHED
A WALL.

YOU'RE NOT
GAINING,
BUT YOU'RE
NOT
LOSING,
EITHER.



NEVER
MIND
THAT.

ISN'T IT
TOO
EARLY FOR
THAT?
THERE'S
STILL A
MONTH TO
GO.



THIS IS WHEN
KOSAKU
ALWAYS
STARTS LOSING
IT.



IN ANY
CASE,
YOU MAY
NOT SEE
HER.
GO
HOME.



I'M
DONE
FOR.

WE'RE PLANNING
TO SEE ALL OF
EUROPE.



...IS IT
BAD?

SIS-
TER...



...FROM A
MAN
CLAIMING TO
BE A BLOOD
RELATIVE.

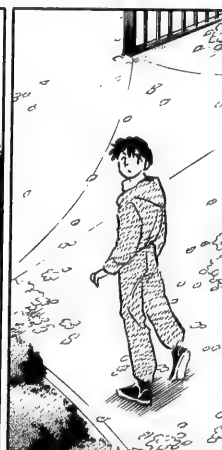


ONE
THING
...

I
SEE
...

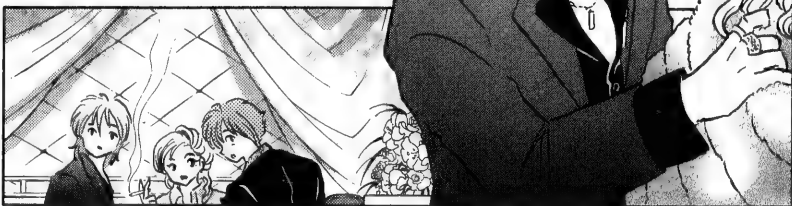
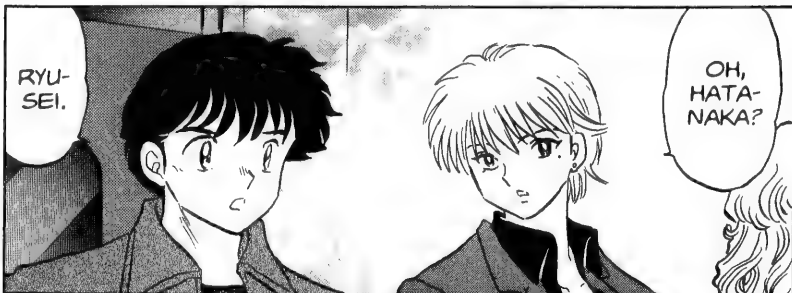


SIS-
TER...



IT HAD
BEST NOT
BE YOU
CALLING,
MR.
HATANAKA.

IT'S
THE
CHAMP
...





IT'S NOT A WASTE!

ISN'T IT A WASTE OF MONEY?

WELL, YOU CAN'T **BUY** HER LOVE, THEN.



YOU'VE **GOT** TO COME VISIT MY CABARET CLUB.

THRILL

SO MOVING!



AND ALL FOR A WOMAN HE CAN'T EVEN EMBRACE.

HOW... IMPRESSIVE.

WHAT A ROYAL IDIOT.



...THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME.

IF I CAN HELP OUT THE SISTER...



I DON'T HAVE IT. **YET.**

HAND FINE. IT OVER.



SO YOU CAN STOP BOTHERING THE SISTER.

I'LL PAY IT.



YOU MEAN MISS MARIE'S 400K?



LOOK, I'LL PAY YOU FROM OUR FIGHT MONEY, OKAY?!

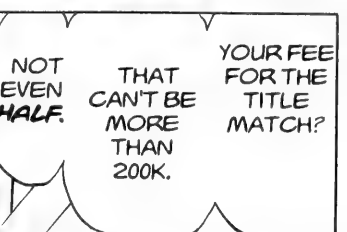


WAIT!

THEN NO DEAL.



I'LL MAKE UP THE REST.



NOT EVEN HALF.

THAT CAN'T BE MORE THAN 200K.

YOUR FEE FOR THE TITLE MATCH?



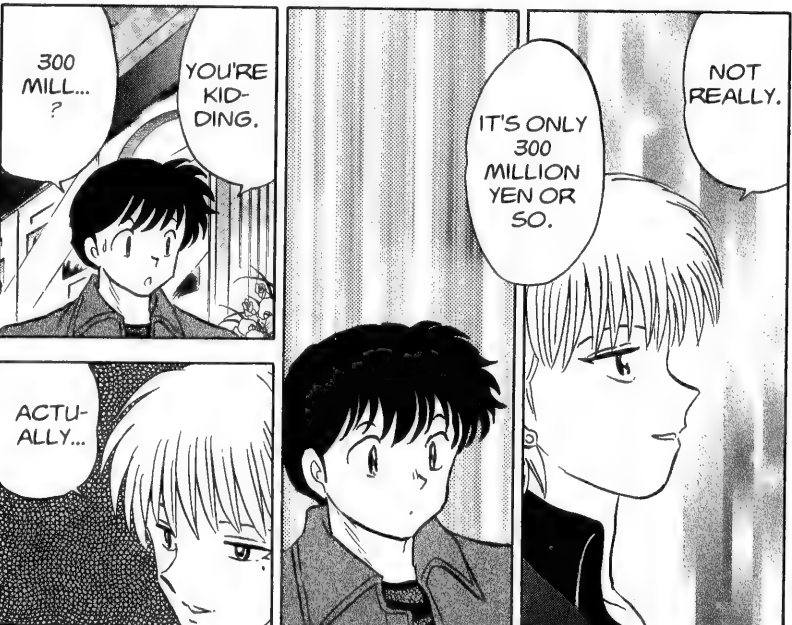
CUZ SHE'S A NUN.

NO.

SIGH...

WHY?

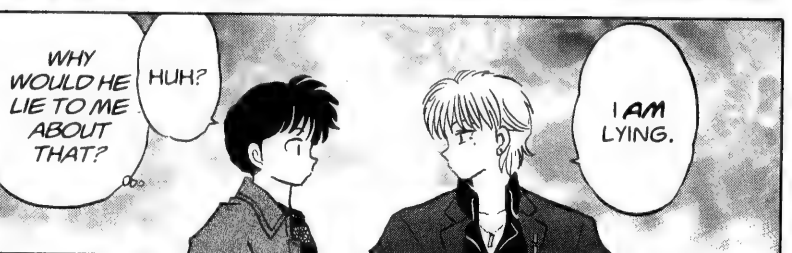
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE HER BOYFRIEND, RIGHT?



300 MILL...?
YOU'RE KID-DING.

IT'S ONLY 300 MILLION YEN OR SO.
NOT REALLY.

ACTU-ALLY...



WHY WOULD HE LIE TO ME ABOUT THAT?
HUH?

I AM LYING.



THE TITLE MATCH.

WELL, IF YOU *INSIST* ON SHOULDERING THE SISTER'S DEBT, HOW ABOUT THIS.



OKAY.
PERSON'S RACING TEAM

...HOW AND *WHY* I BECAME A HOST?
HATANAKA, DO YOU WANT TO KNOW...

SINCE I'D ALWAYS BEEN GOOD-LOOKING.
TO SETTLE THEIR DEBTS.
I WAS SOLD INTO IT BY MY PARENTS.



SO YOU HAVE TO REPAY THE DEBT BY YOURSELF?
THAT'S AMAZING.

WHERE MY PARENTS ARE NOW, WHO KNOWS?
YOU *POOR* THING.

...I HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL.
YES, IN ONLY MY JUNIOR YEAR..

I PROMISE
YOU, I **WILL**
WIN!

REALLY
...

GLARE

SHOULD HE
BET THAT
MUCH
MONEY?

SHOULD
HE REALLY
MAKE A
DEAL LIKE
THAT?

YOU
WON'T
TAKE MY
BELT,
THOUGH.

THEN I'LL
SEE YOU AT
KORAKUEN
HALL.

THERE'S
NO WAY
I'M
GOING
TO LOSE.

AND
FURTHER-
MORE...

STUCK

AND IF
YOU
LOSE...

...YOU'LL
OWE
ME
800K.

R-REALLY?!

IF YOU WIN, I'LL
FORGIVE THE
ENTIRE 400K.

RYUSEI,
YOU'RE A
SWELL
GUY!

SURE
I DID!

DID YOU
EVEN
HEAR
THE
SECOND
HALF?

HEY.

AW-
RIGHT!

**SWING
SWING
SWING**

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CHAPTER THREE

THE LAMB'S PROMISE

PART THREE



AT FIRST, I
RESENTED BEING
PITTED AGAINST AN
OBVIOUS BAIT DOG,
BUT NOW...



I'M GONNA RIP
THAT BOOK FROM
YOU!

PREPARE
YOURSELF,
HATANAKA.



AND
HE'S
EATING!

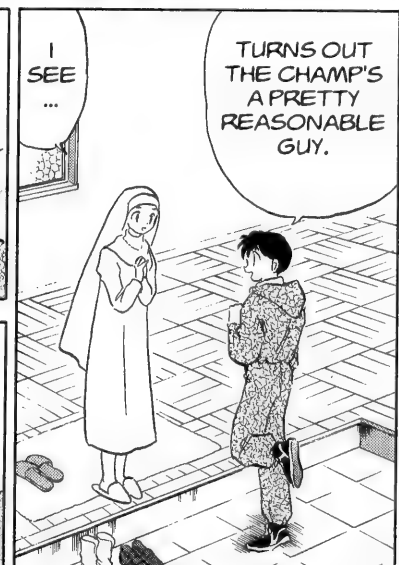
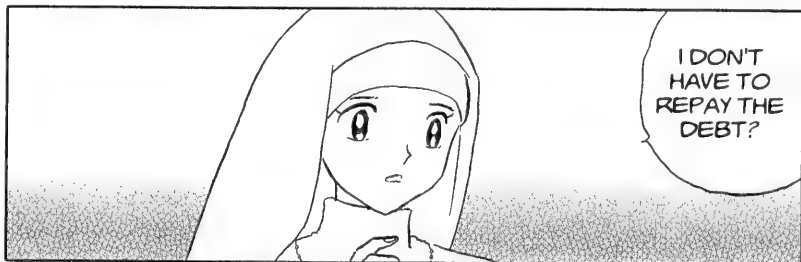
HE'S
STILL
HERE!

COME TO
OUR CLUB
NEXT TIME,
OKAY?

HAVE
SOME
FRIED
CHICK-
EN!

PHEW, NOW
THAT I
DON'T HAVE
ANY
WORRIES,
I'M FEELING
HUNGRY!

HE
REALLY
IS AN
IDIOT!



HE POSSESSES
A SOMEWHAT
UNUSUAL
TITLE.



HOST CLUB
RING'S NO. 1
HOST, MR.
RYUSEI
KURENAI.

WATCHES,
CARS,
APART-
MENTS...

OH,
YES
...

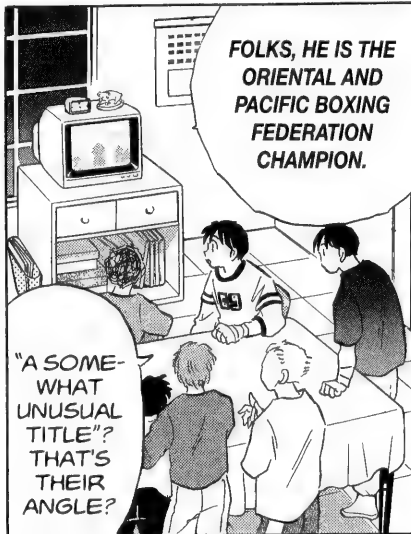
HAVE YOU RECEIVED
MEMOR-
ABLE GIFTS
FROM
GIRLS?



YOU'VE
MET
THAT
GUY?

OH, YEAH.
HE WAS
DRIVING A
PORSHE.

"A SOME-
WHAT
UNUSUAL
TITLE"?
THAT'S
THEIR
ANGLE?



FOLKS, HE IS THE
ORIENTAL AND
PACIFIC BOXING
FEDERATION
CHAMPION.

NO
DOUBT
ABOUT
IT.

I BET
HE
GETS
PLENTY.

...LOVE.

BUT MY
FAVORITE
GIFT
WAS...



I'M GONNA
FLATTEN
HIM!

THUD

YOU WON'T
TAKE
DOWN THE
CHAMP
WITH THAT
PUNCH!



...I'LL FORGIVE THE
ENTIRE 400K.

THE TITLE
MATCH. IF YOU
WIN...



...I PROMISE
I'LL WIN!

SISTER
ANGELA...

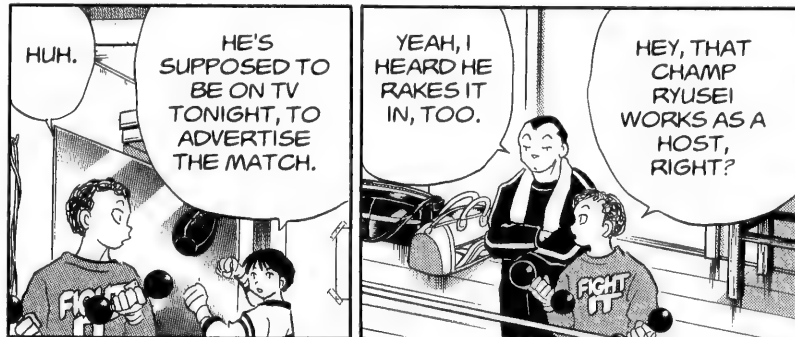


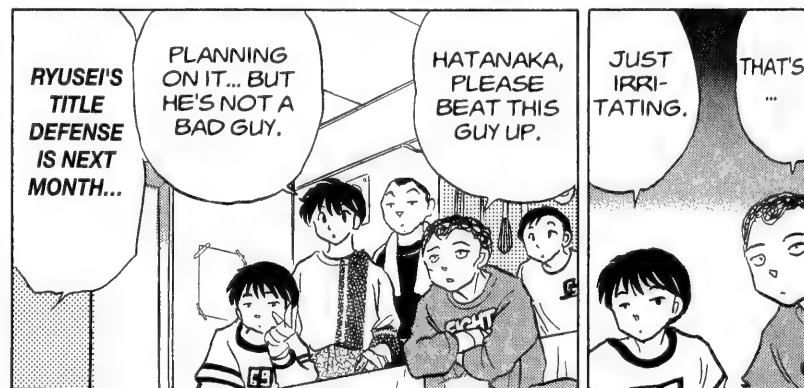
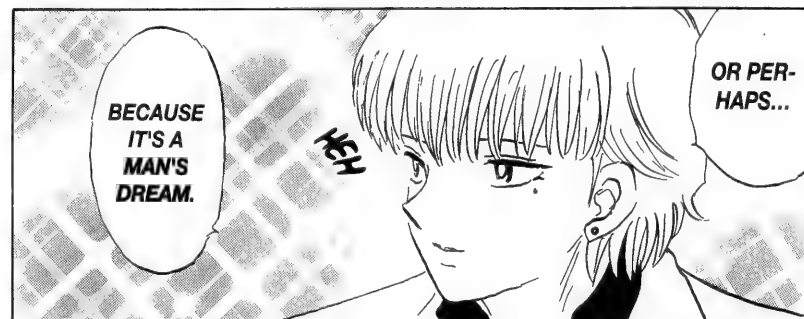
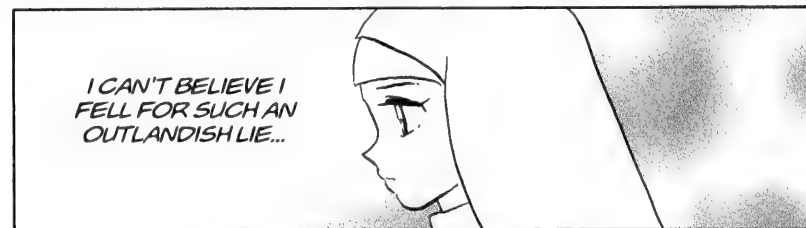
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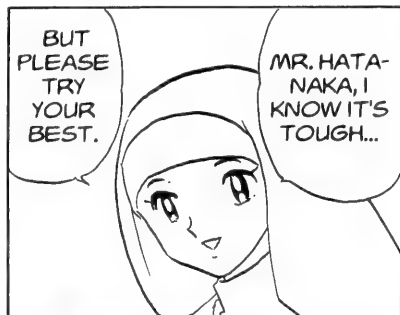
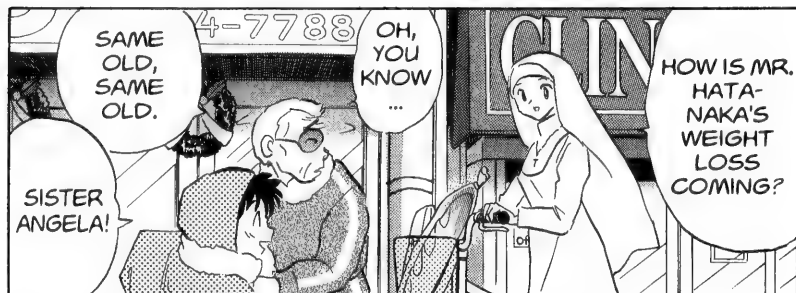
HE'S
SUPPOSED TO
BE ON TV
TONIGHT, TO
ADVERTISE
THE MATCH.

YEAH, I
HEARD HE
RAKES IT
IN, TOO.

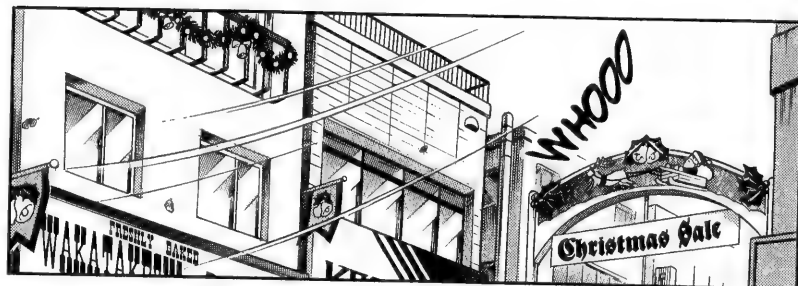
HEY, THAT
CHAMP
RYUSEI
WORKS AS A
HOST,
RIGHT?

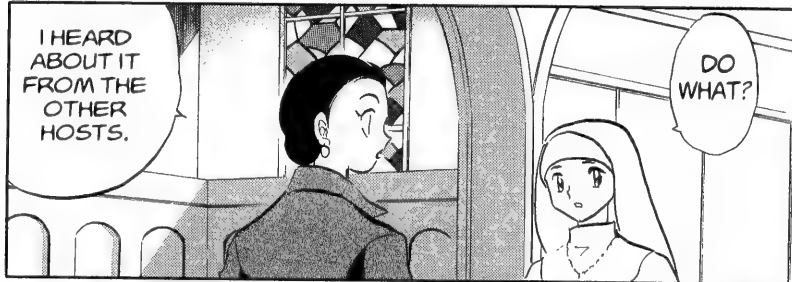


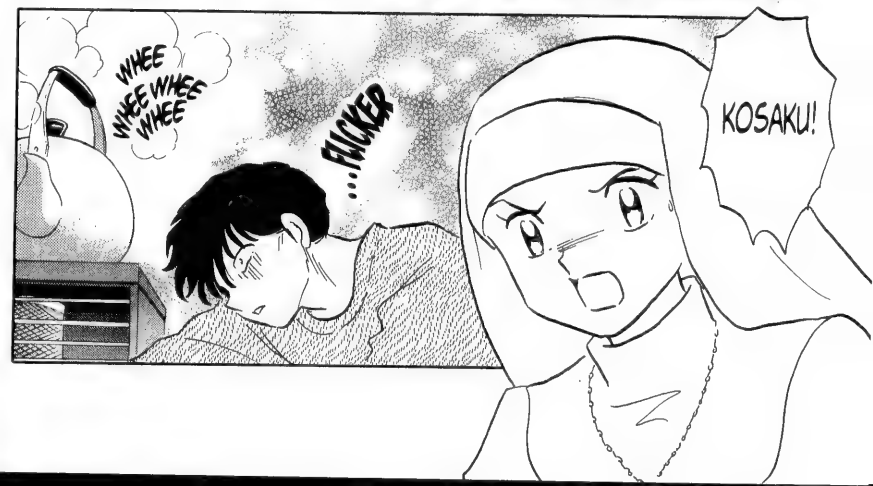
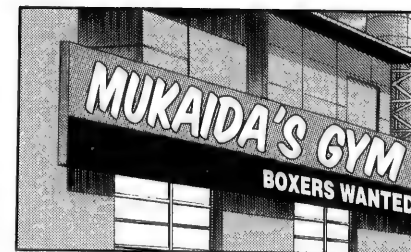
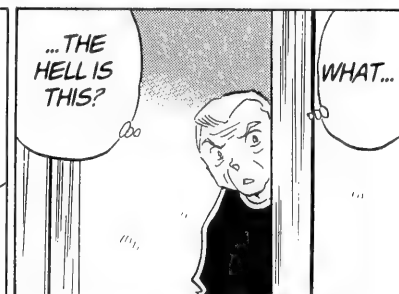
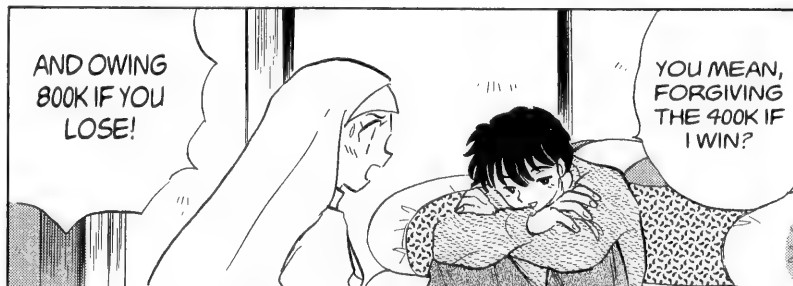




SEVERAL DAYS LATER...



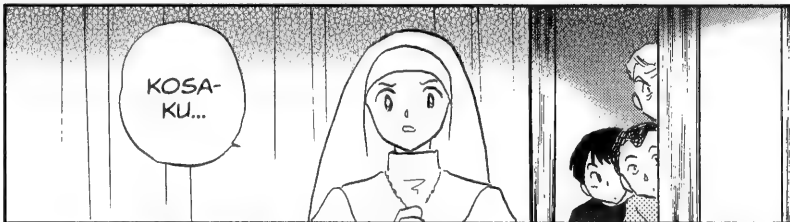






AS LONG
AS
YOU'RE
HAPPY...

JUST TO
MAKE YOU
SMILE,
THAT'S
ENOUGH.



KOSA-
KU...



HOW
DARE
YOU!

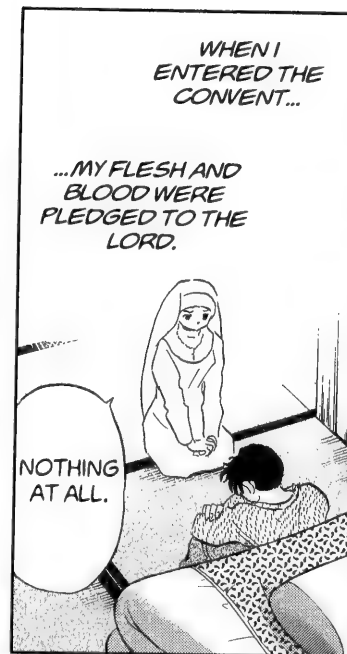
H...



WHY DO
YOU
EVEN
BOX?!



WHY!?



WHEN I
ENTERED THE
CONVENT...

...MY FLESH AND
BLOOD WERE
PLEGDED TO THE
LORD.

NOTHING
AT ALL.



BECAUSE...

...I CANNOT
GIVE YOU
ANYTHING IN
RETURN.



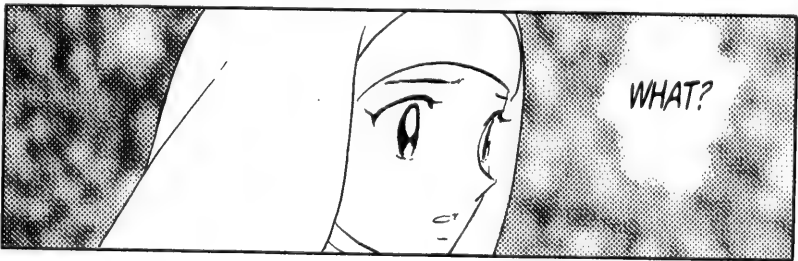
WHY...

...NOT?



I DON'T
NEED
ANYTHING
FROM YOU.

THAT'S
ALL
RIGHT.



WHAT?



I'M THE ONE
CLIMBING INTO
THAT RING!

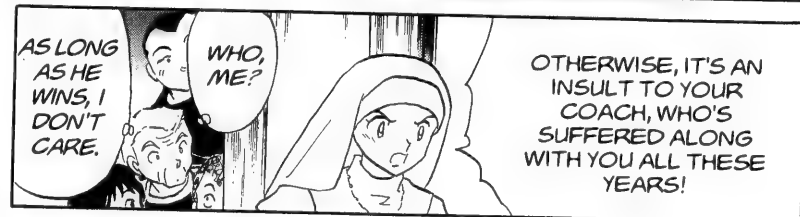
SHUT
UP!



YOU SHOULD
BOX FOR
YOURSELF!

...THEN
YOU'RE
A FOOL!

IF YOU'RE
DOING
THIS FOR
ME OR
FOR THE
MONEY...



AS LONG
AS HE
WINS, I
DON'T
CARE.

WHO,
ME?

OTHERWISE, IT'S AN
INSULT TO YOUR
COACH, WHO'S
SUFFERED ALONG
WITH YOU ALL THESE
YEARS!



I'LL
WIN.



WHAT IF
YOU
LOSE?



LOOK
...

THE
MONEY'S
MY
PROBLEM
NOW, SO
STOP—



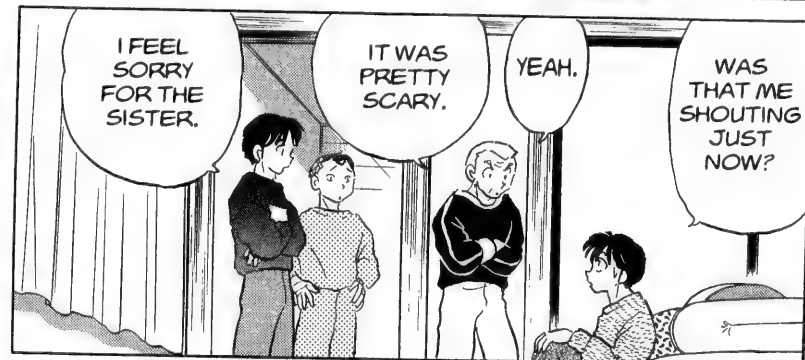
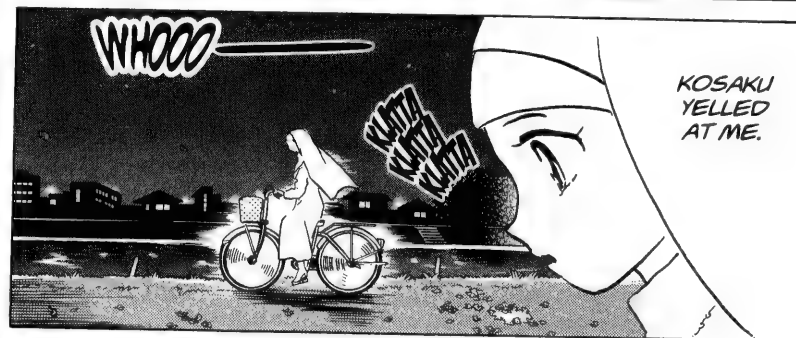
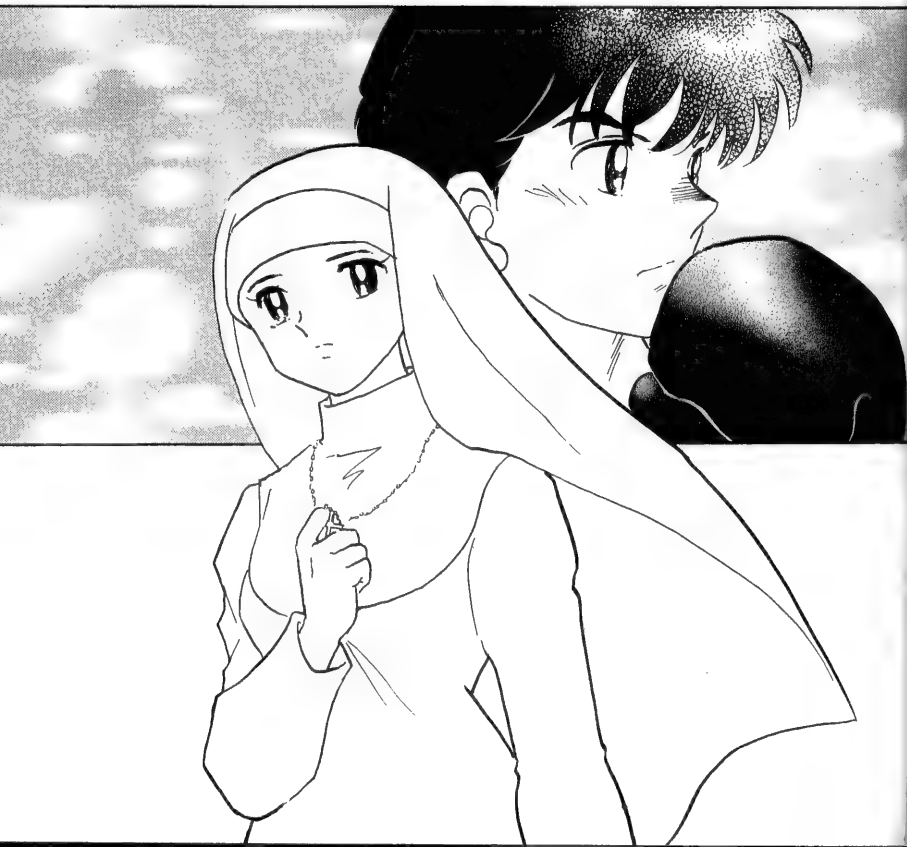
BUT
WHAT IF
YOU
LOSE?



CHAPTER THREE

THE LAMB'S PROMISE

PART FOUR



CAN I EVEN
ENCOURAGE
HIM
ANYMORE?

I'LL
WIN.

...IF
KOSAKU
REALLY
HATES
ME NOW.

I
WON-
DER...

OR AM I
JUST
STANDING
IN HIS
WAY?

THE
JUNIOR
BOXERS
FROM THE
GYM?

AND WE'VE
SEARCHED
EVERY SINGLE
EATERY FROM
TOP TO
BOTTOM.

COACH,
HATA-
NAKA'S
NOT HERE
EITHER.

YOU COULDN'T
KEEP TO YOUR
DIET?!

KOSAKU...

I'LL GO
THIS
WAY.

WE'LL
SEARCH THE
VENDING
MACHINE AND
WATER
FOUNTAINS
NEXT!

GOT
IT!

I'M THE
ONE
CLIMBING
INTO THAT
RING!

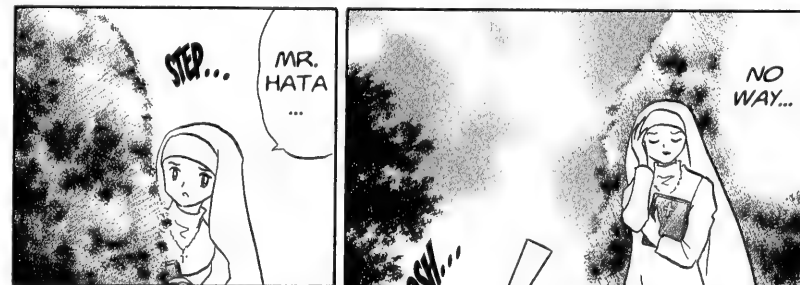
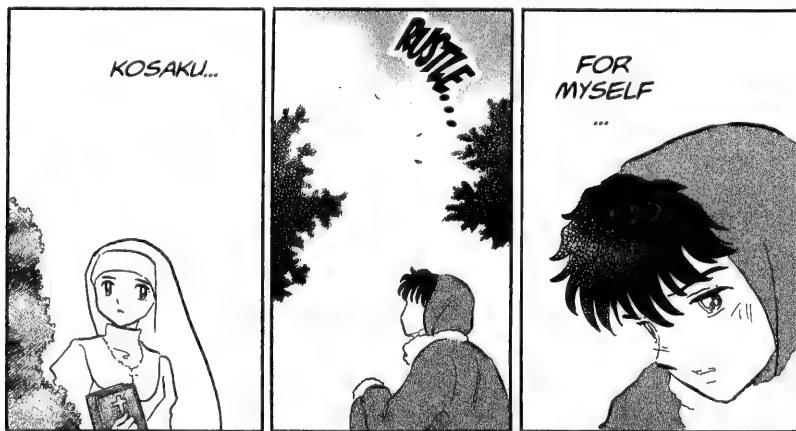
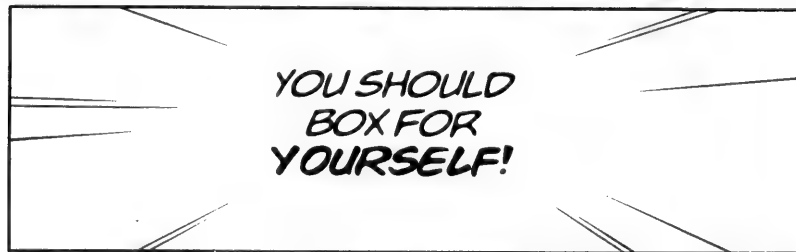
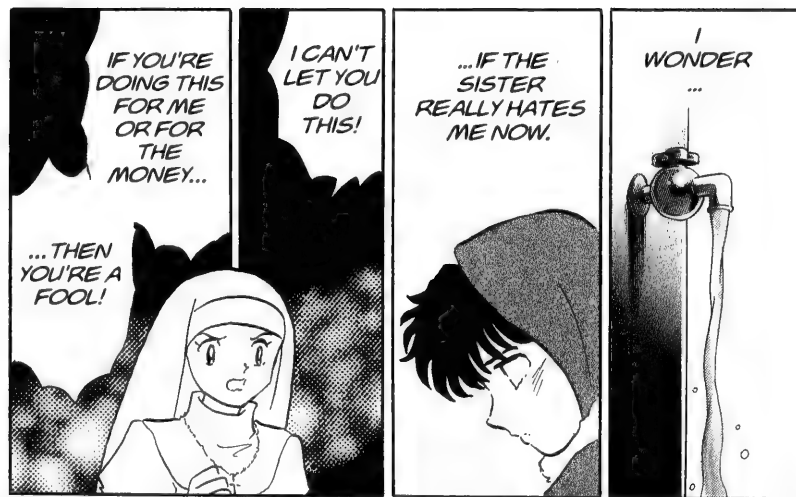
SHUT
UP!

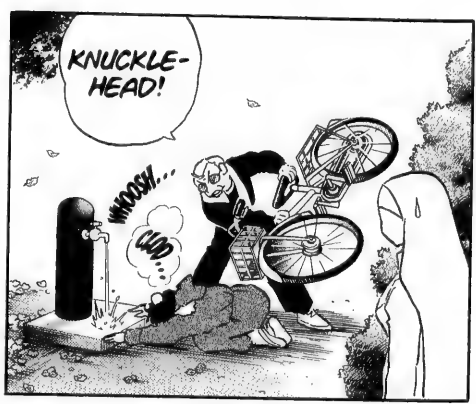
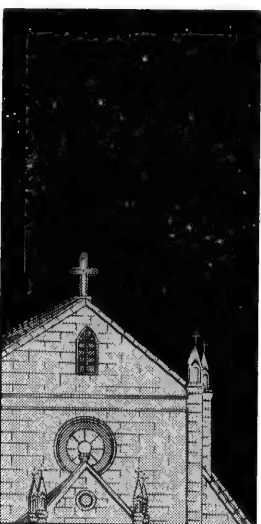
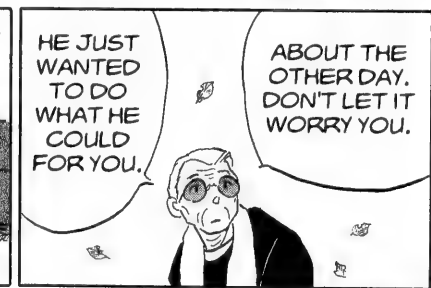
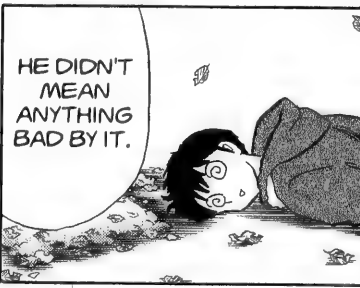
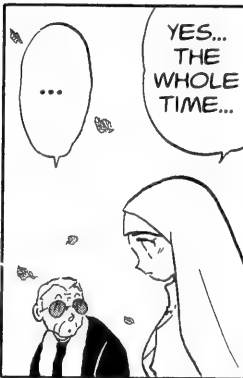
SIGH.

HE'S NEVER
BEEN REALLY
ANGRY WITH
ME BEFORE.

HE SHOULDERED MY
DEBT SILENTLY...

...TO DEFEND MY
DEVOTION TO THE
CONVENT.





THE REASON...

...WHY I FIGHT...



I HAVE TO
SEE HIM.

I MUSTN'T
LET
EMBAR-
RASSMENT
STOP ME.

RUSTLE..

...KREK

I'LL GO
TODAY.

...AND TELL
HIM HOW
SORRY...

HE ALWAYS
SAYS SUCH
OUTRAGEOUS
THINGS...

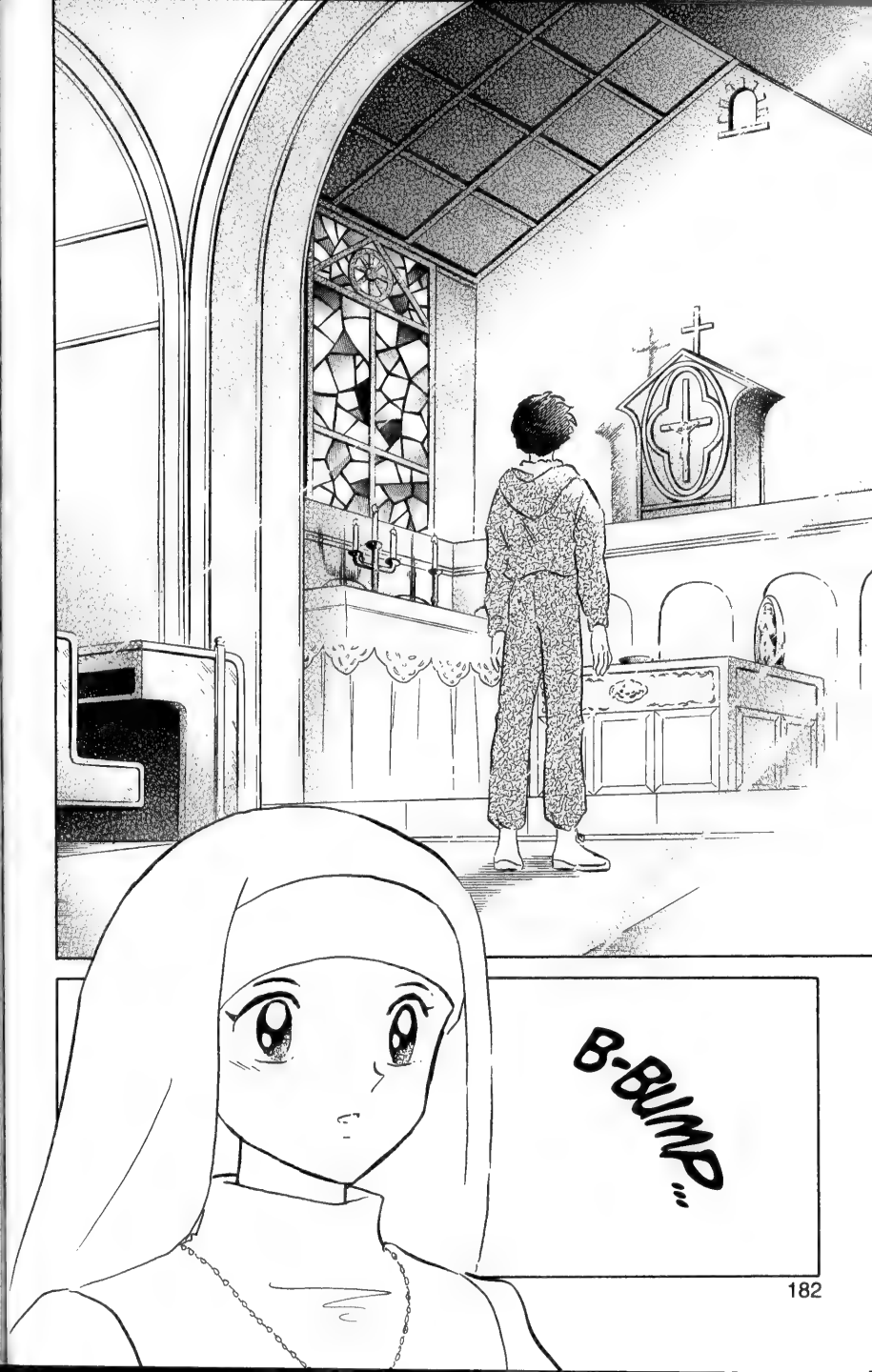
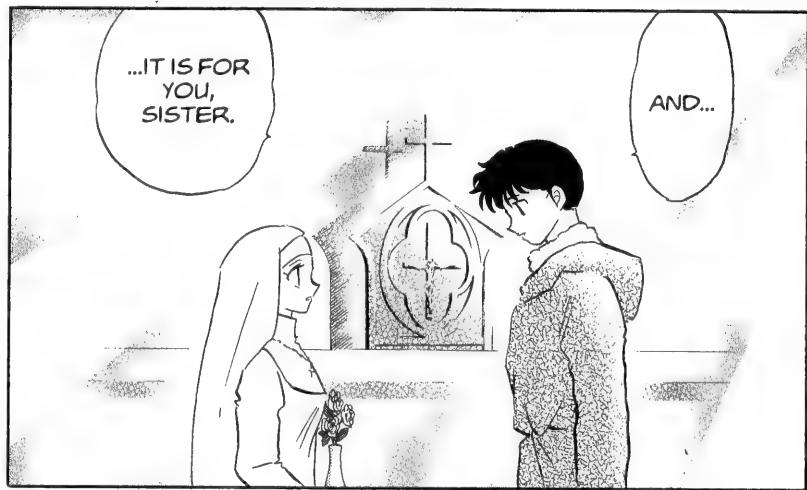
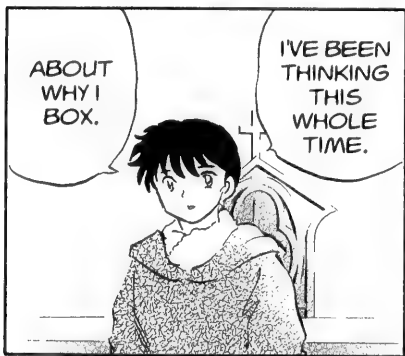
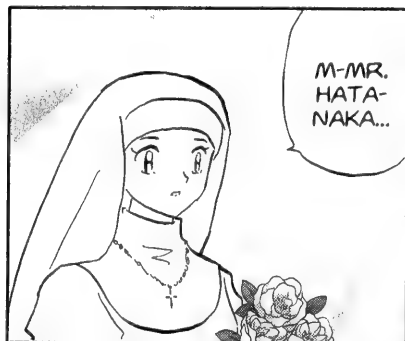
QUIT THE
CONVENT
AND COME
LIVE WITH
ME!

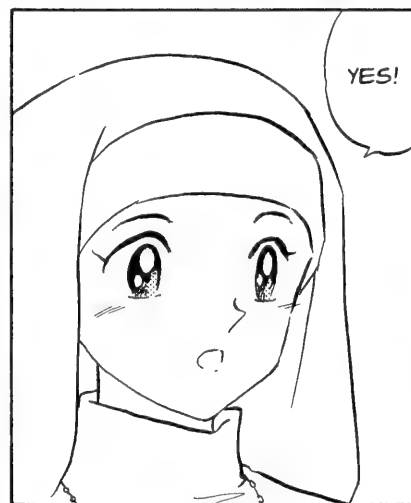
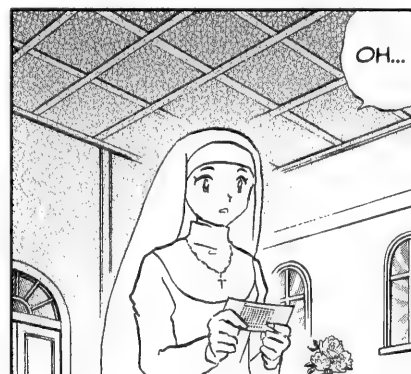
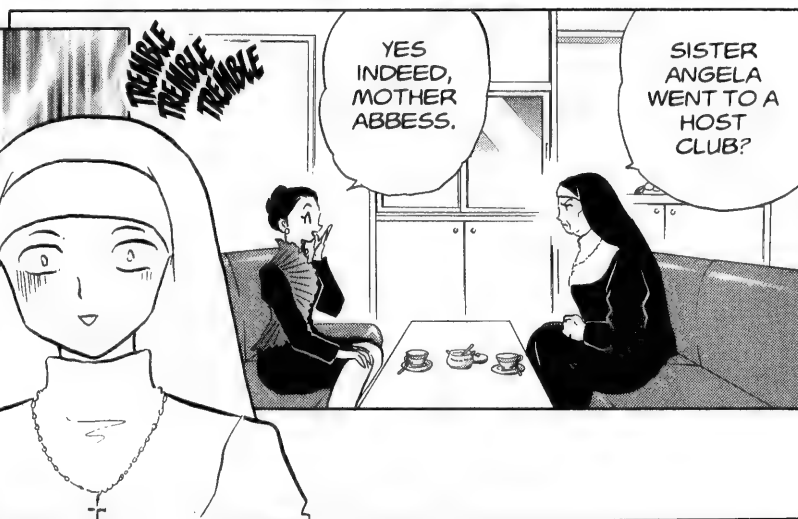
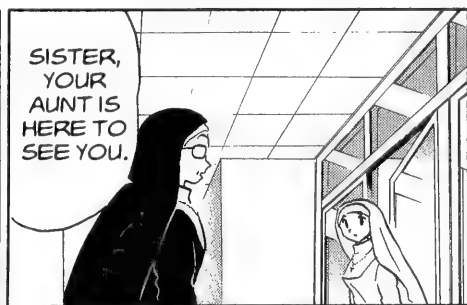
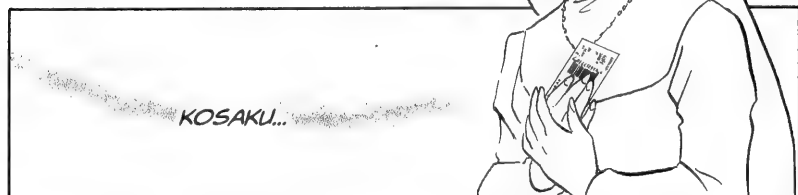
AND YET I...

I'M ASHAMED
OF MYSELF.

...BUT WHEN I
ENDED UP IN
REAL
TROUBLE...

...HE TRIED
TO HELP.
WITHOUT A
WORD.





I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO GO!

THE DYNAMIC GLOVE
2006.12.23 (SAT)
5:00PM DOORS OPEN
6:45 PM MATCH BEG
SEAT #10

CURFEW
THROUGH
NEXT SUNDAY...



THE DAY
OF THE
MATCH.

KORAKUEN
HALL

TODAY'S
MAIN
EVENT!

I'M
SORRY,
IT JUST
CAME
OUT.

YOUR BEHAVIOR HAS
BEEN SO ERRATIC
LATELY THAT I ASKED
WHAT MIGHT BE
GOING ON.

OH,
MARIE.

A-AUNTIE!

GLARE

I HEREBY
PLACE YOU
ON ONE
WEEK'S
CURFEW TILL
NEXT
SUNDAY!

SISTER
ANGELA!

NORMALLY I
WOULD
ORDER
IMMEDIATE
EXPULSION,
BUT...

NO
MATTER
THAT YOU
WERE
MISLED...

...AND YOU
ACCUMU-
LATED
DEBT AT
THE CLUB...

OH,
NO!





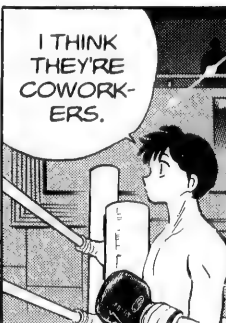
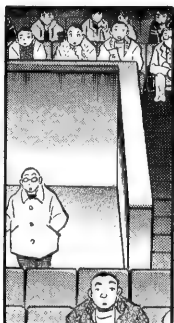
GO
RYUSEI!

CHEER CHEER CHEER
AIEE

CHECK
OUT
RYUSEI!
YO,
BABY!



I WONDER
IF THE
SISTER'S
HERE YET.



I THINK
THEY'RE
COWORK-
ERS.

THE
AUDIENCE
SEEMS A
BIT...
DIFFERENT
THAN USUAL.



BUT THIS IS
A TITLE
MATCH!
THE BRASS
RING!

GIVE IT
YOUR
BEST
SHOT!



WE'VE
BEEN
THROUGH
HELL,
YOU AND
I...

HEY,
KID...

COUGH



THE 12-
ROUND
FEATHER-
WEIGHT
FIGHT IS
ABOUT TO
COMMENCE!

THE
ORIENTAL
AND PACIFIC
BOXING
FEDERATION
TITLE
MATCH!



AND IN THE
RED CORNER,
THE FEATHER-
WEIGHT
CHAMPION!

RYUUUSEI
KURENAAAAA!

KOSAKUUUU
HATANAKAAAA!

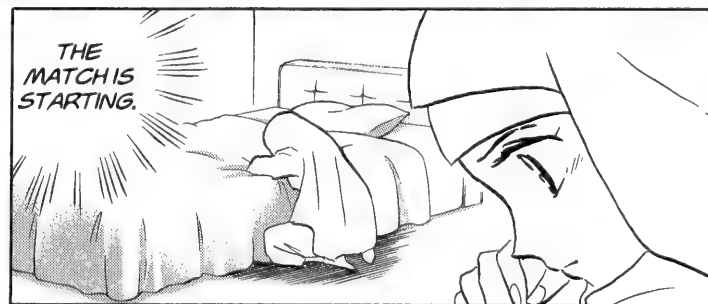
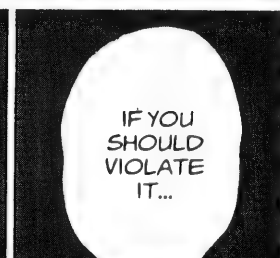
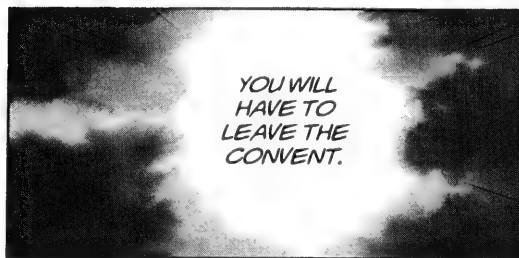
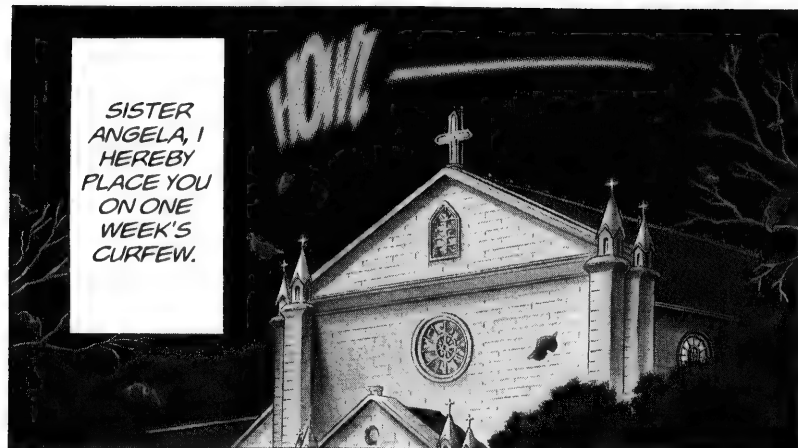
IN THE BLUE
CORNER, FROM
MUKAIDA'S
GYM...



CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP

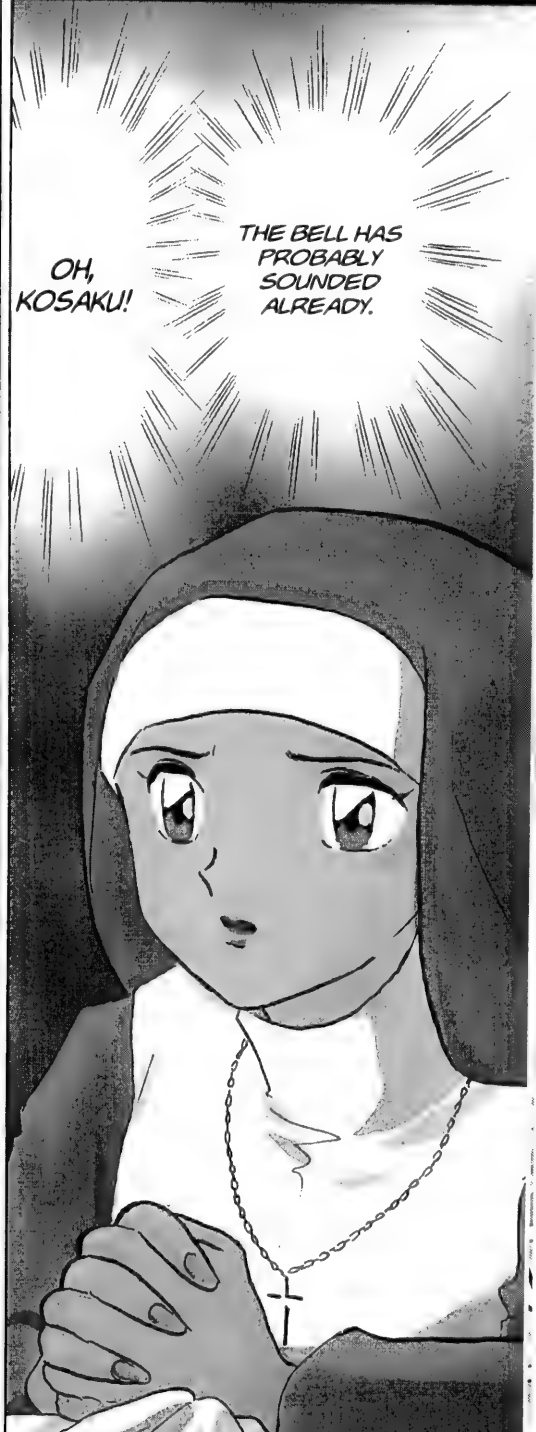
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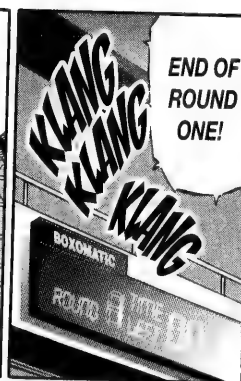
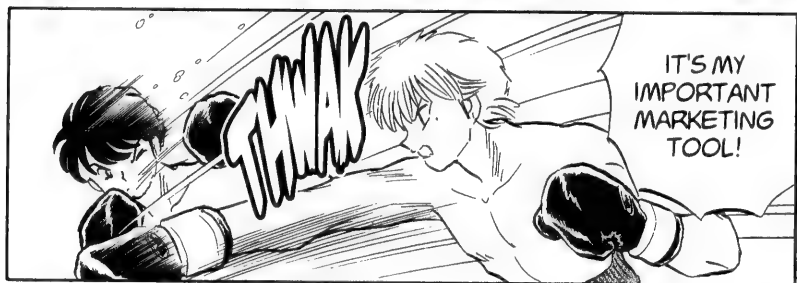
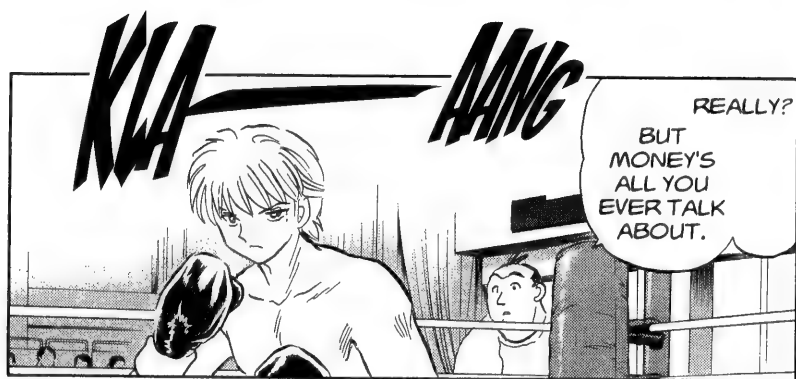
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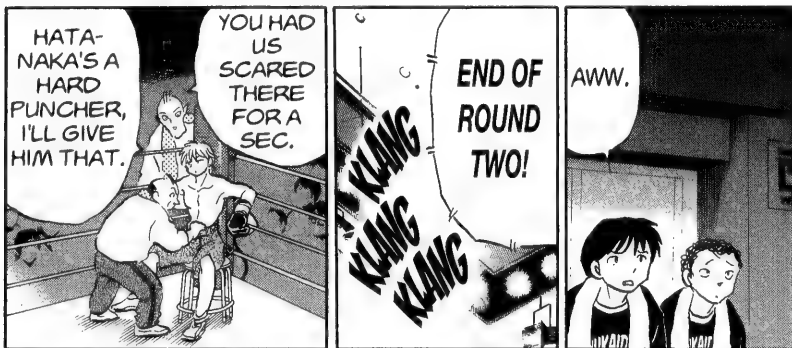
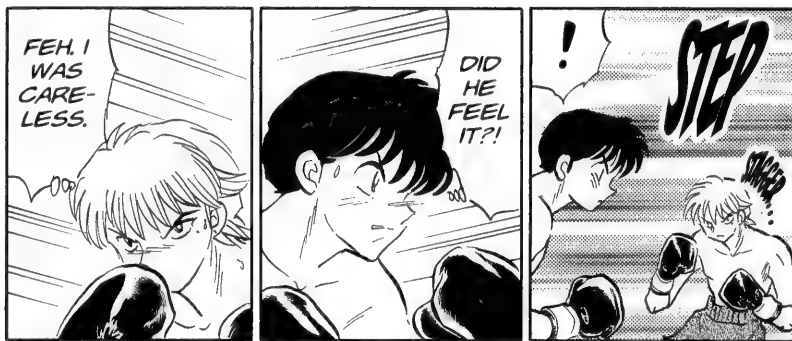
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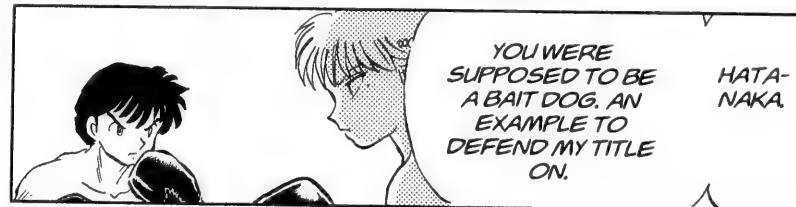
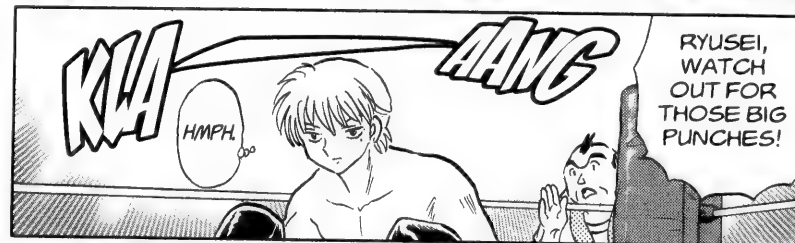
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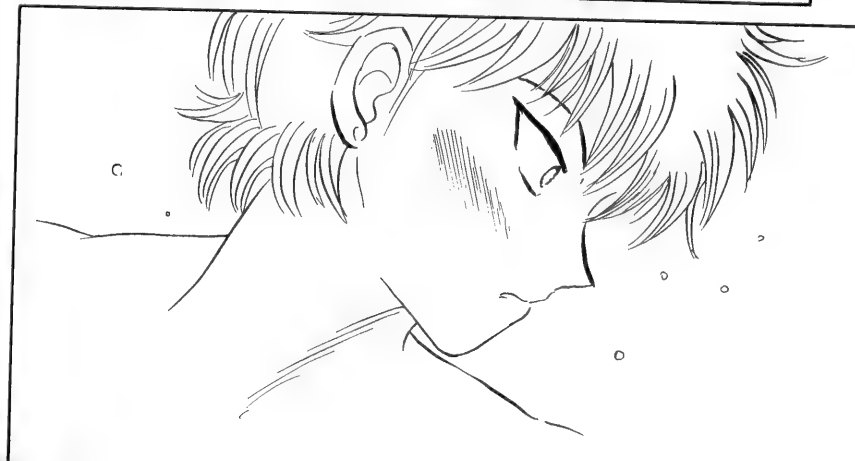
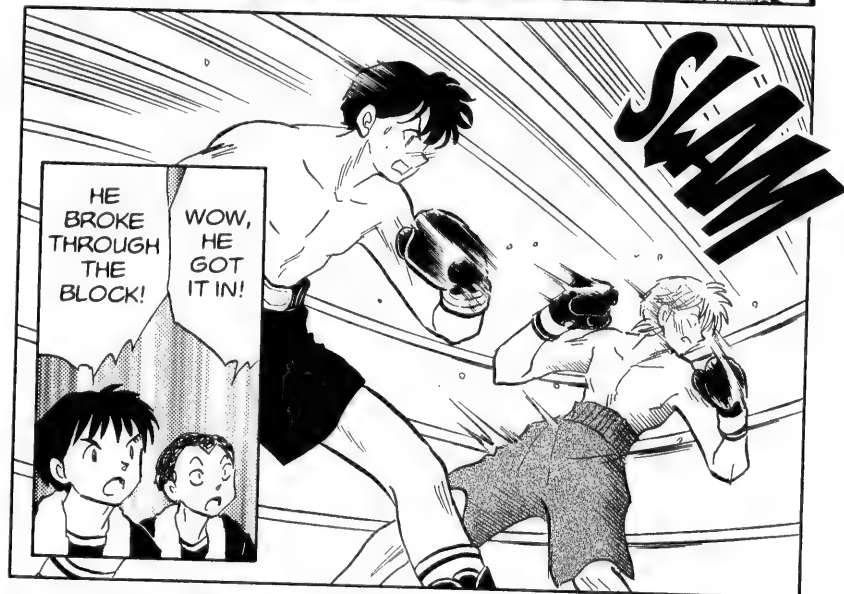




YOU GOT IT!



DON'T STOP NOW!





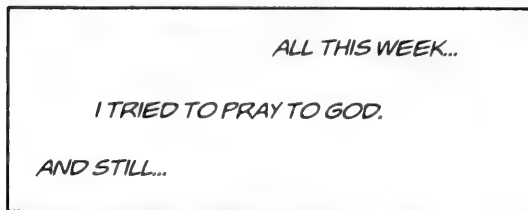
SIX!





...IS THIS YOUR
ANSWER?

SISTER
ANGELA...



ALL THIS WEEK...

I TRIED TO PRAY TO GOD.

AND STILL...



MOTHER
ABBESS,
PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME.



ALL I COULD
THINK ABOUT
WAS KOSAKU!



...AND
FOR YOU
TOO.

NICE TO
BE AN
AFTER-
THOUGHT.

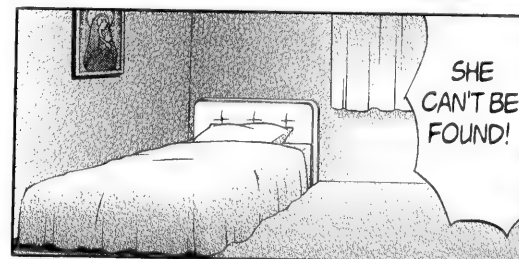


FOR THE
SISTER!

I'VE BEEN
TRAINING
HARD TOO!



THAT'S
WHY I
CAN'T
LOSE!



SHE
CAN'T BE
FOUND!



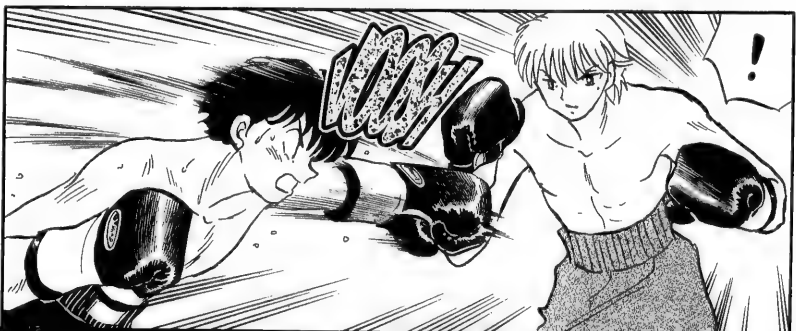
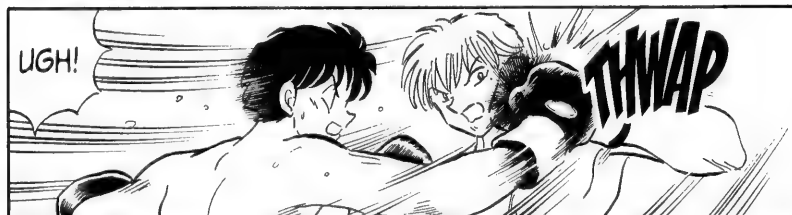
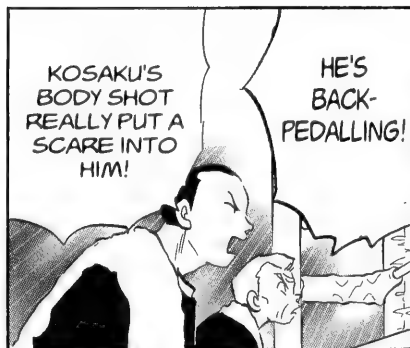
MOTHER
ABBESS!

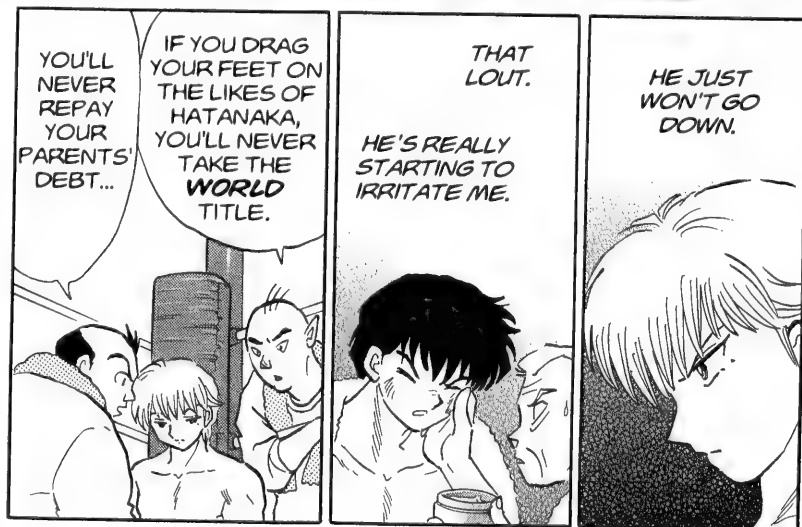
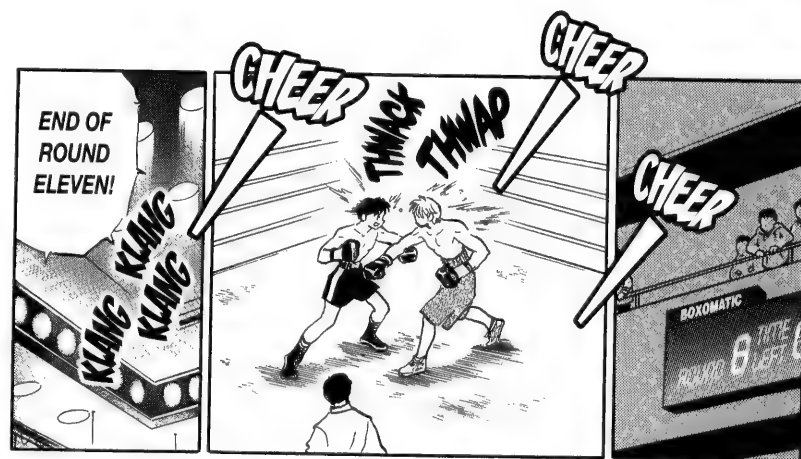
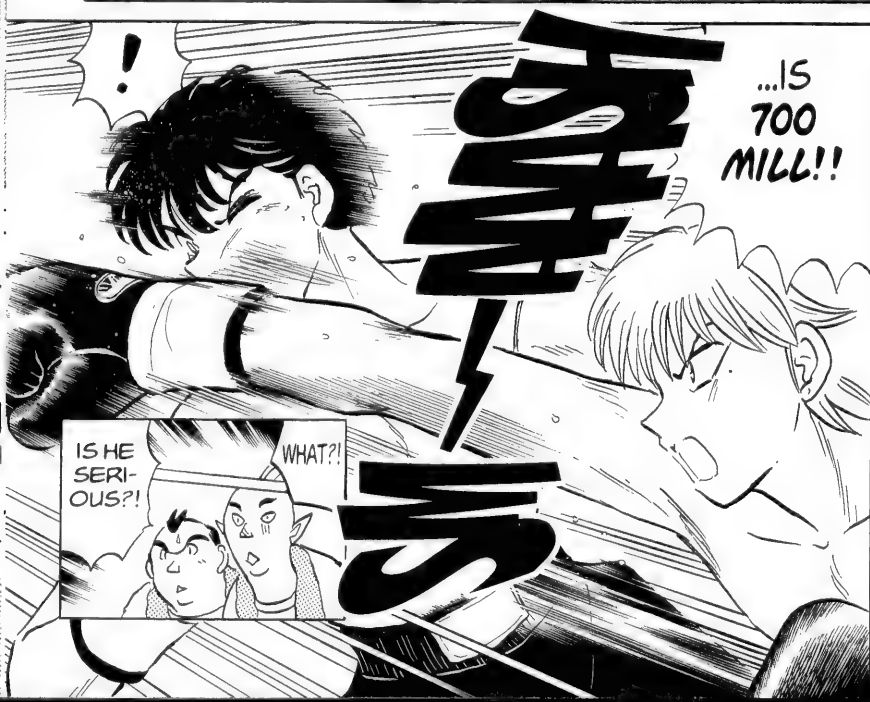
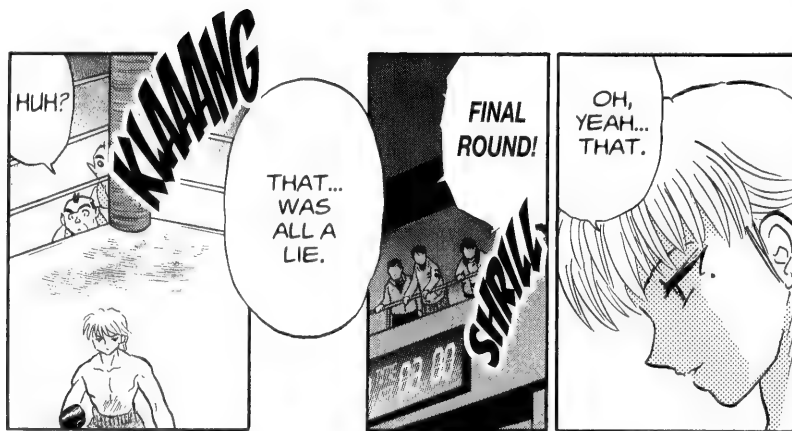
IT'S
SISTER
ANGELA!

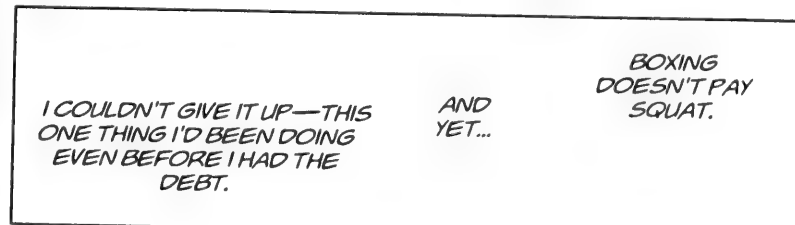
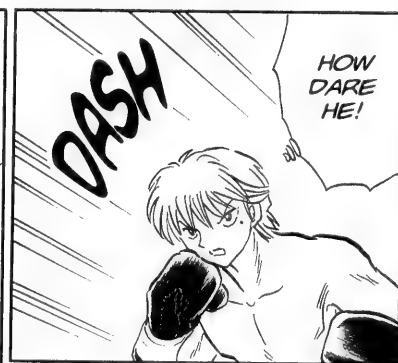
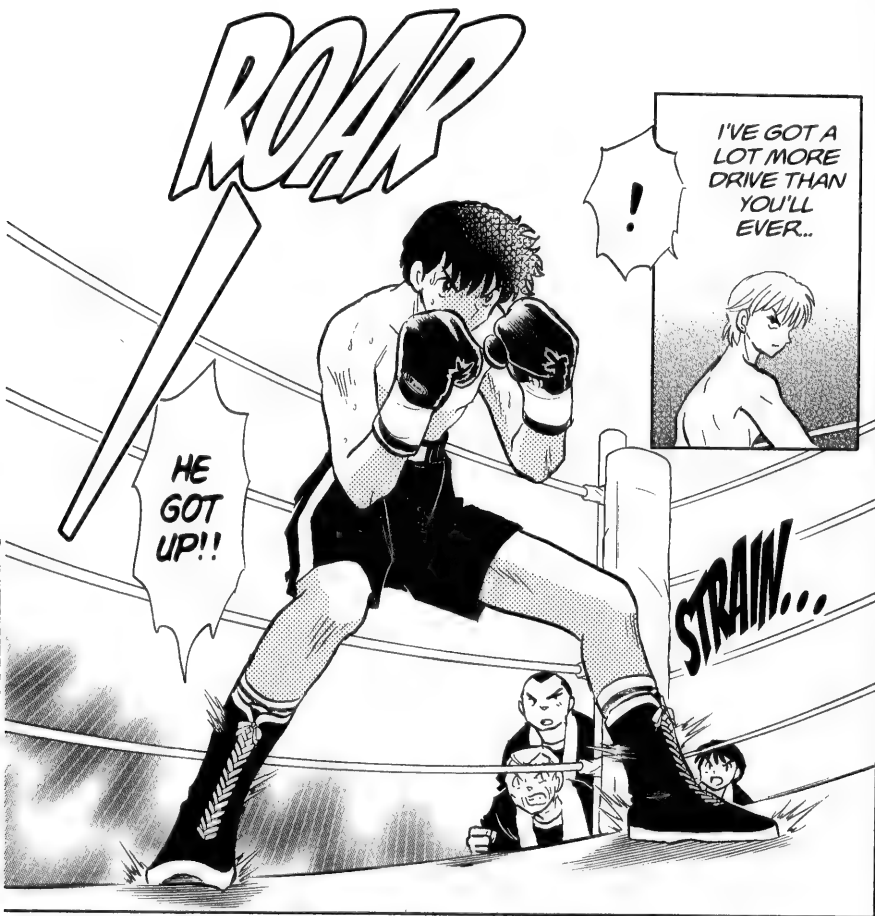


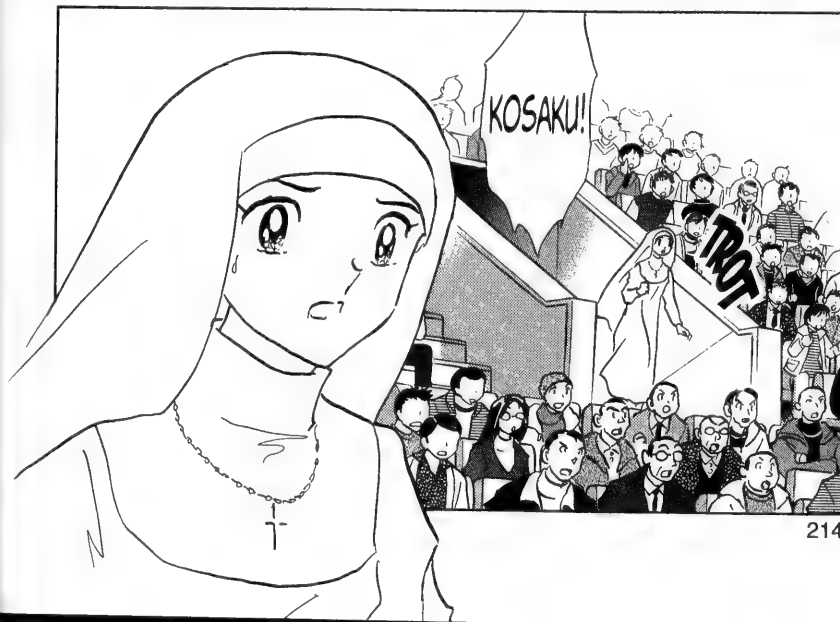
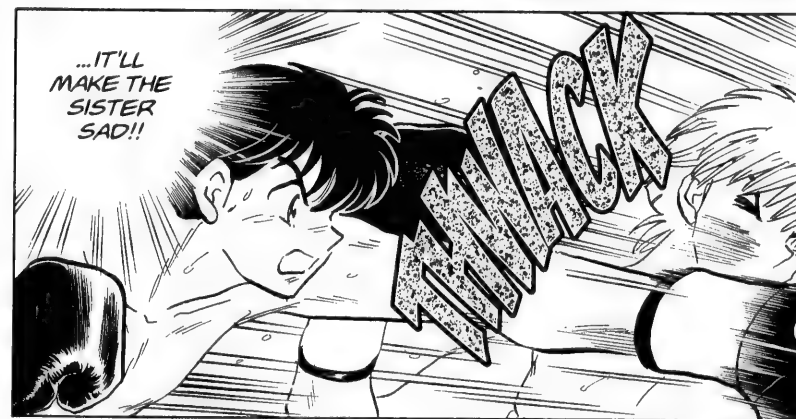
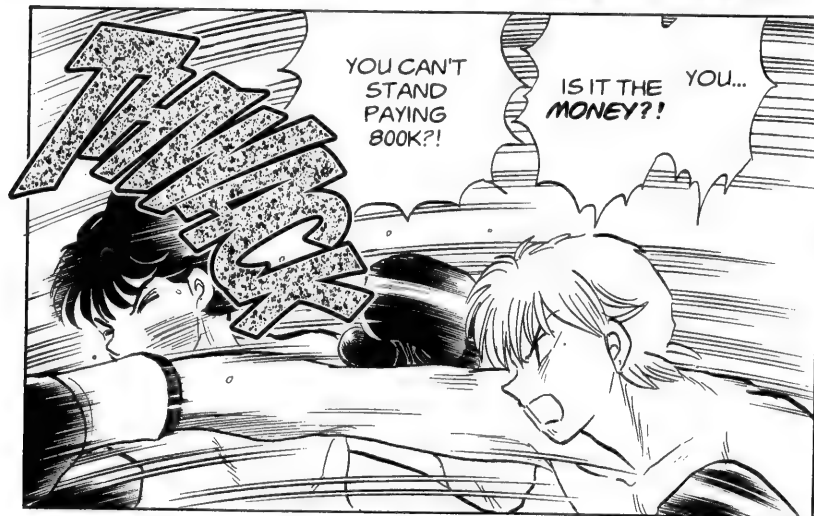
IF ONLY SHE'D MADE
IT THROUGH TODAY.
THE MOTHER
ABBESS WOULD'VE
FORGIVEN
EVERYTHING.

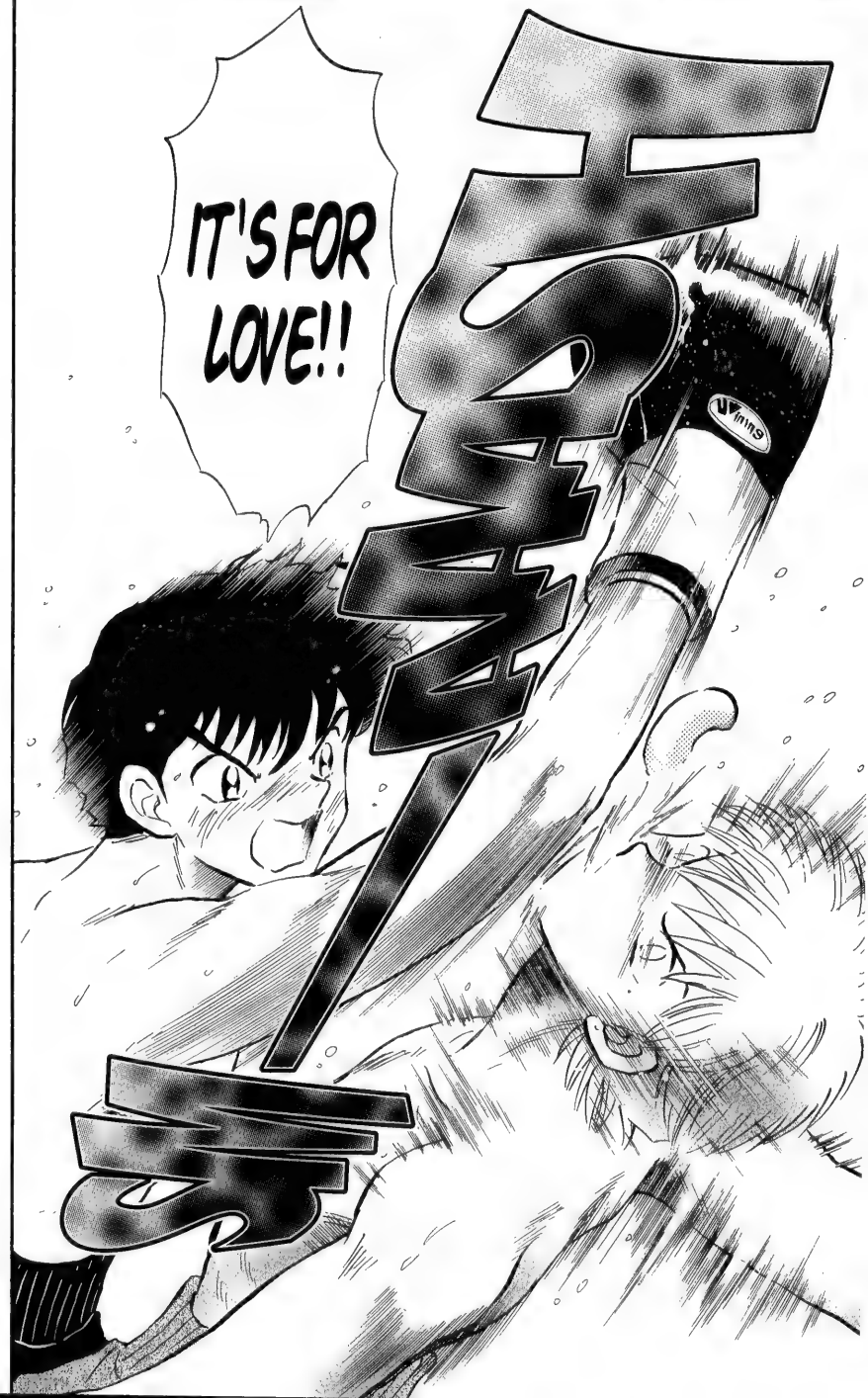
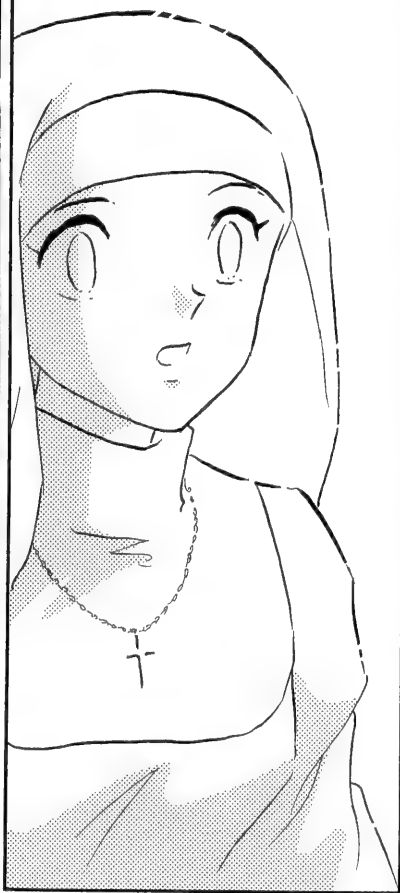
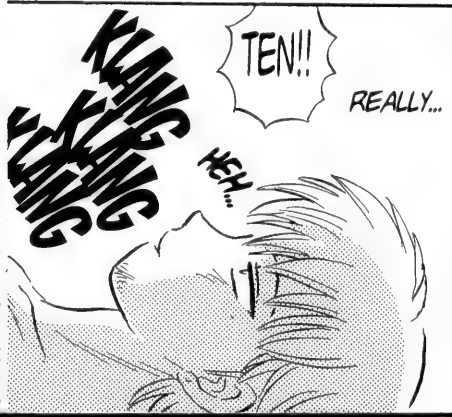
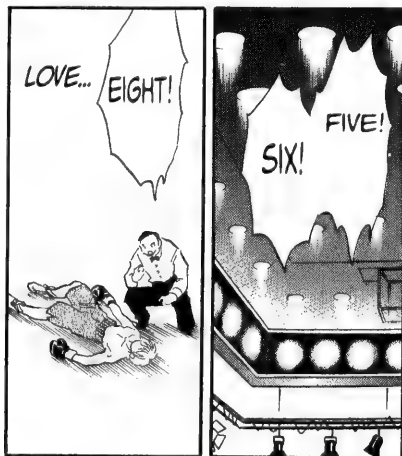
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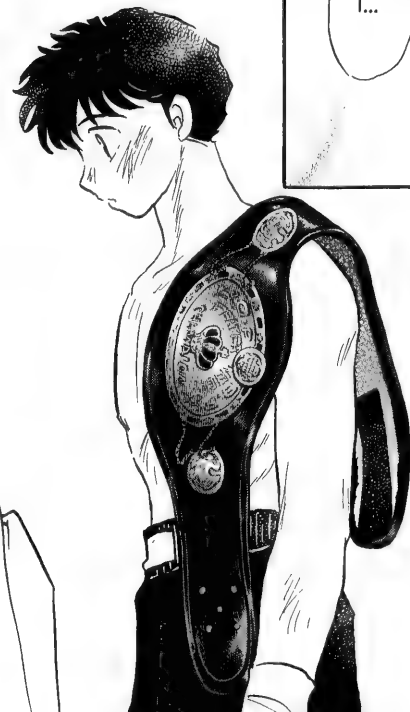
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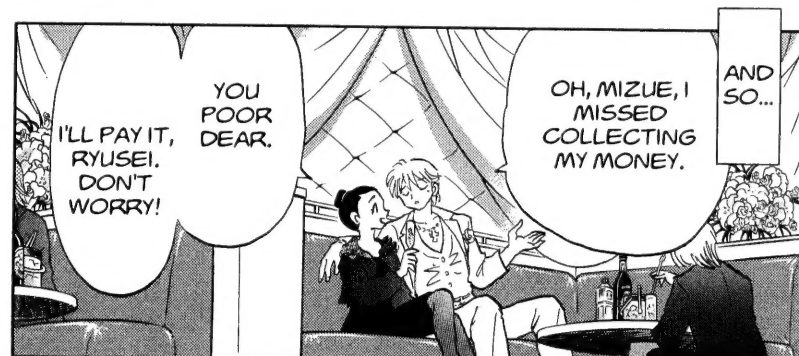
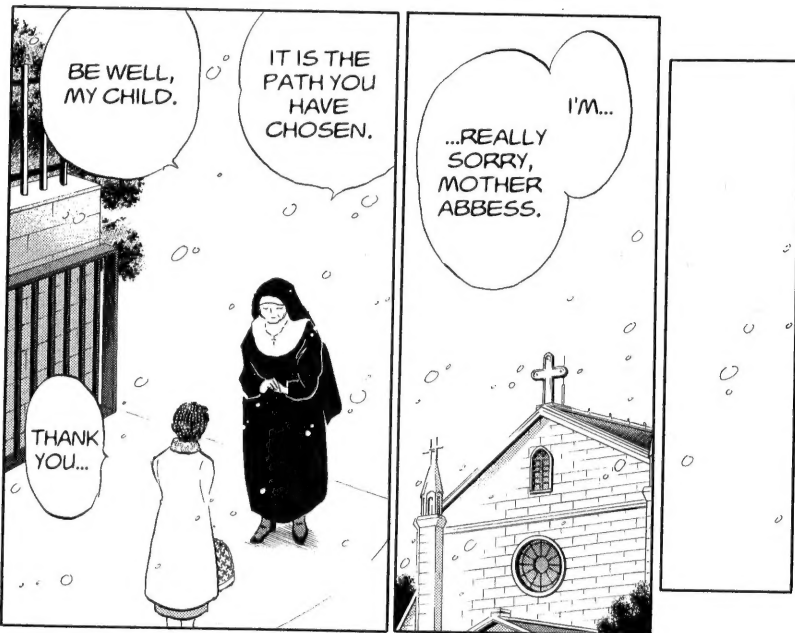


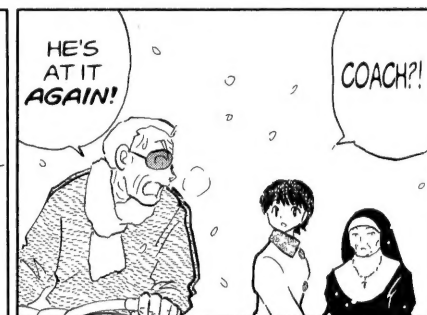
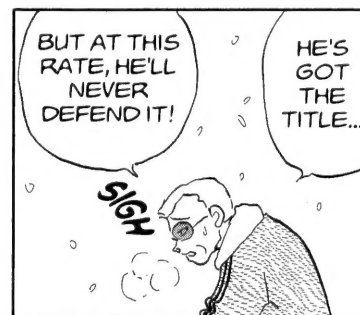
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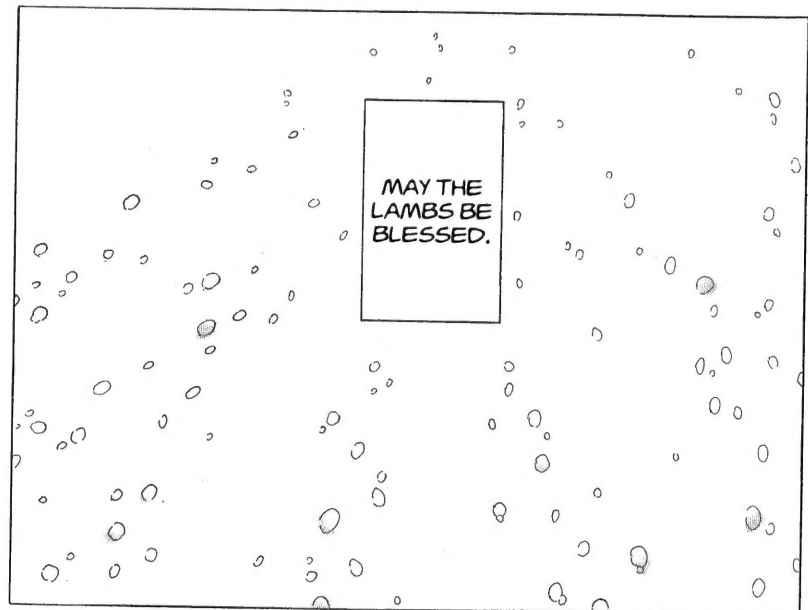




Born in 1957 in Niigata, Japan, Rumiko Takahashi attended women's college in Tokyo, where she began studying comics with Kazuo Koike, author of *Crying Freeman*. She later became an assistant to horror-manga artist Kazuo Umezu (*Orochi*). In 1978, she won a prize in Shogakukan's annual New Comic Artist Contest, and in that same year her boy-meets-alien comedy series *Urusei Yatsura* began appearing in the weekly manga magazine *Shōnen Sunday*. This phenomenally successful series ran for nine years and sold over 22 million copies. Takahashi's later *Ranma 1/2* series enjoyed even greater popularity.

Takahashi is considered by many to be one of the world's most popular manga artists. With the publication of Volume 34 of her *Ranma 1/2* series in Japan, Takahashi's total sales passed one hundred million copies of her compiled works.

Takahashi's serial titles include *Urusei Yatsura*, *Ranma 1/2*, *One-Pound Gospel*, *Maison Ikkoku* and *InuYasha*. Additionally, Takahashi has drawn many short stories which have been published in America under the title *Rumic Theater*, and several volumes of the dark horror story *Mermaid Saga*. Most of Takahashi's major stories have also been animated and are widely available in translation worldwide. *InuYasha* is her most recent serial story, first published in *Shōnen Sunday* in 1996.



MAY THE
LAMBS BE
BLESSED.

-THE END-

NO
WAY...

